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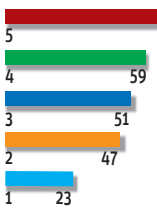

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has so far corrected only one concern raised by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, resulting in the federal agency giving the corporation up to Nov. 16 to rectify the remaining two concerns. Worse, a CMS team that visited the Commonwealth Health Center in September uncovered even more deficiencies at the hospital and now CMS is giving the corporation only up to Dec. 3, 2012, to rectify these concerns or it will terminate its Medicare provider agreement with the beleaguered hospital.

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■ Fitial: Tell Joe DLG 'I love him'

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's administration is scrambling to prevent the federal government from terminating its Medicare provider agreement with the beleaguered Commonwealth Health Center on Dec. 3 even as calls for the governor to step down now or be impeached continue. There is no indication the governor is stepping down ahead of the end of his second term.

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Next Senate president from Tinian

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Most senators are honoring a so-called "gentleman's agreement" in early 2010 that the Senate presidency in the 18th Legislature will go to a senator from Tinian, but the possibility of the governor's impeachment and conviction is proving to be a source of internal leadership struggle within the Senate.

A so-called "Solid 6" in the Senate is specifically backing Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) as the next president.

They include Hofschneider, Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), and senator-elect Frank Borja of Tinian.

If the 18th House impeaches Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the 18th Senate convicts him, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos will become

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A young girl joins a road waving near the Microl intersection in San Jose on Saturday morning to thank voters for the results of the Nov. 6 midterm elections. ***See more photos on Pages 8 and 9***

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»CNMI joins rest of the nation in honoring veterans

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On the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month," the CNMI honored yesterday the men and women who served and

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Maj. Gen. William G. Beard, right, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Army Pacific, lead the laying of the wreath during yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor. Beard, the keynote speaker, said "serving one's country is a noble calling" and "among life's greatest work."

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The team of Marianas Baptist Academy poses for a group photo upon their arrival at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport yesterday.

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MBA is Asia-Pacific invitational mock trial competition champion

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The seven-member team of Marianas Baptist Academy emerged as this year's champion in the 4th Annual Asia-Pacific Invitational Mock Trial Competition held over the weekend in Guam.

The group, composed mostly of first-timers to the competition, bested 13 other teams from Guam and Asia Pacific after it scored perfect in all competition rounds last Saturday.

The team is made up of Susanne Park, Alina Ishikawa, Kanata Omori, Harry Fan, Yui Ito, K.C. Alamer, and Jeffery Kim. The team was coached by attorneys Sean Lowe, Jordan Sandell, and Charity Hodson.

The competition was held at the Guam Superior Court on Saturday and saw the participation of four teams from South Korea, two from Saipan, and a few more teams from Guam. Besides MBA, defending champion Mount Carmel School also joined this year.

One of the team's coaches, Lowe, noted that this was the school's first time to join the mock trial contest in Guam and is proud of bagging the championship in its first try.

According to him, it took three weeks for the team to prepare for the competition. Despite some logistical challenges prior to the competition, the team was able to deliver its best.

MBA is the only school team that won all competition rounds last Saturday. The members are made up of mostly junior and senior students.

According to Hodson, she was amazed to see how composed and articulate the students were during the competition rounds. She described the group as an amazing team that was able to present a difficult case in a polished manner.

This year's case was a civil action focused on cyber-stalking. The "plaintiff" was Jamie Cullen, an Adams City High School graduate who used the school's chat room as a means to stay on top of her pursuit of a highly coveted valedictorian scholarship. The plaintiff was tied with "defendant" Kris Stuart for the top spot in class until her concentration was allegedly destroyed after reading threatening postings in the chat room. The cyber-stalker sent Jamie additional threats via anonymous e-mails.

Junior student Ishikawa shared with *Saipan Tribune* that the seven-member group was actually the secondary team sent by MBA after four members of the original team had some problems with their travel documents.

For most of them, the group's winning was truly unexpected, Ishikawa said.

"It's really unexpected because we are all new to the mock trial competition and we're just starting to learn how to do it. But because we tried our best and we enjoyed the experience…we made it to the top. This is truly a great experience for all of us," she said.

Kanata Omori said that Saturday's win is good preparation and one step forward in his desire to be in the MBA mock trial team this year. A first-timer to the mock trial contest, Omori plans to join his school's team in the upcoming mock trial competition on island.

Harry Fan believes that teamwork and the team members' dedication were the two key factors why they bagged the championship. "Teamwork is always the best…it can get you anywhere," he said.

Abigania and Tutiy are the first recipients of Ruth Tighe Award

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For outstanding deeds that benefited the community, Jayson Garcia Abigania and Thyse Tutiy became the first recipients of the Ruth Tighe Good Citizen Award by the newly formed civic action group Rising Tide.

Members of the newly formed civic action group along with Amy Tighe, daughter of the late librarian and columnist who is the namesake of the award, presented the commendation during a ceremony Saturday held outside the former Oleai Beach Bar & Grill.

"We're looking at the future of Saipan and the CNMI," said Amy Tighe as she presented the certificates to Abigania and Tutiy. Each of the two also received $100 worth of gift certificates to 360 Revolving Restaurant, $25 cash, and a Rising Tide shirt.

Abigania witnessed a hit-and-run incident in Kannat Tabla on Oct. 27. After calling 911, he immediately went on a high-speed chase to pursue the vehicle of the suspect, allegedly an intoxicated police officer.

Tutiy was responsible for helping two tourists who were victimized by a snatcher in Garapan. He chased the suspect and assisted police officers in apprehending him on Oct. 15, helping recover the purse that contained the victims' passports.

In an interview, Abigania said it was his first time to witness such an incident and his first instinct was to help the female victim. When he saw the suspect not slowing down, he chased after the vehicle despite having his parents, son, and nephew in tow.

"Every little thing counts, whether volunteering or helping out in beach cleanups," said Abigania, 32. "It doesn't have to be something big. We could all take small steps to have a better community."

The Fina Sisu resident admitted that he didn't think about the repercussions of witnessing and reporting a police officer commit a crime but he emphasized that the public should not live in fear.

"If more people would step up, more people would do good things to others," he added.

Tutiy, a senior at Marianas High School, said he was alone at the time of the incident but did not have any doubts about running after the purse snatcher. "It's hard to scare me," he said.

The 18-year-old said he feels good to receive the award, having found out that it was named after a "very strong lady." He described Rising Tide as "inspiring" and encouraged people to want to be better.

"The more good people we have around, the less problems we have," added the Garapan resident.

While the commendation was presented Saturday, it was actually awarded on Nov. 4. Glen Hunter, one of the leaders of Rising Tide, explained that in the last "On My Mind" column published on Oct. 12, Tighe called on island leaders to do something to celebrate CNMI Citizenship Day. She passed away five days later.

"We decided that as a group, we should go ahead and observe Citizenship Day by giving an award in her honor," Hunter said.

He noted, however, that the group will present the award each time a member of the public does something that warrants recognition.

Hunter pointed out that Abigania and Tutiy's outstanding deeds came weeks after another good Samaritan, Kanis Sinounou, also witnessed a robbery and assault incident in Garapan and immediately came to the rescue of the two female Russian victims.

He said the three men's actions set an example for others and bring hope that more and more people would speak out when they see something wrong happening around them.

"The focus of Rising Tide is to stop government corruption but one way to achieve that is to have an active citizenry so we can keep an eye on what's going on in the community and we can react to it, speak out, or take action instead of sitting silently and turning a blind eye," said Hunter.

Saturday's event was also an opportunity to recognize roughly 40 Rising Tide volunteers, including the silent supporters, who took part in the first ever nonpartisan Election Observation project during the Nov. 6 polls.

CEC sees no budget shortfall; plans to acquire new machine

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Despite three legislative initiatives and more workers hired for the just ended mid-term elections, the Commonwealth Election Commission does not expect to incur a budget shortfall.

CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that the agency conducted the election strictly within its budget.

Guerrero said the commission had a budget of $79,000 for this year's election and this came from two funding sources: the $28,395 allocated in the fiscal year 2012 budget and the $50,651 provided in the fiscal 2013 budget.

That budget actually took into account only two legislative initiatives for voter consideration. But last Tuesday, voters ratified three legislative initiatives.

"We don't anticipate any shortfall despite the additional initiative and more election workers because we managed to squeeze our funds and live within the set budget," said Guerrero.

He said the commission has been busy since Tuesday reconciling records and processing payments for vendors and poll workers.

The agency is also working on some voting statistics such as the percentage of early voters and absentee voters per precinct level. Official results of the election are now available on the CEC website, votecnmi.gov

The commission has yet to ship out the counting machine it rented from Nebraska as the agency is planning to acquire it, depending on the budget.

The Election System Software Model 550 machine that was used in Tuesday's tabulation is able to count 300 ballots per minute. This machine was leased for about $6,000.

This year's counting was delayed due to late arrival of ballots from Tinian and Rota, coupled with the delay in getting the absentee ballots from the post office. Guerrero said the absentee ballots were scheduled to be picked up at 4pm but the ballot boxes were only secured around 6pm.

However, as far as the new machine is concerned, he said the unit performed as expected. "So we're planning to acquire this machine. …We already talked with the Nebraska vendor and we informed them about our plan."

According to Guerrero, the machine's cost ranges from $14,000 to $15,000. If CEC decides to buy the equipment, it will only need to half the amount because it leased the unit for $6,000 to $7,000.

CEC owns two counting machines—the Model 150, which counts over a hundred ballots per minute. This year, only one of these two units was used; the other one was just a backup. CEC bought these two smaller units for about $90,000.

SBDC to host free business seminars

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be hosting free business seminars on Saipan and Rota this month.

"How to Apply for a Bank Loan" will be held on Nov. 16, 2012, at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office on the first floor of the Familia Building in Garapan.

"How to Manage Your Business" will be held on Nov. 29, 2012, at the Rota Mayor's Office.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to pre-register by calling (670) 664-3018 or visiting www.pacificsbdc.com. Deadline for pre-registration is 12pm, one day before the workshop. Walk-ins are allowed and granted on space availability. ***(SBDC)***

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Based on a 200-page CMS report that documented its team's observations on the issues checked, it said the corporation has so far addressed only one of three immediate jeopardy statuses—the lack of functioning defibrillators in critical units of the hospital.

The two remaining statuses—deficiencies of critical supplies in the laboratory unit, lack of specimen testing, tracking and accountability; and the malfunctioning CT scanner and a broken portable x-ray unit—were found "unabated" and must be addressed by Nov. 16.

Officials said that if CHC is de-certified, it means it can no longer get Medicare as well as Medicaid reimbursements. That will force the CNMI's only hospital to shut down and put at risk the healthcare needs of thousands of patients and residents.

Abated

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta and chief operating officer Esther Muña disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that CMS has already marked the first immediate jeopardy status as "abated," with the federal agency satisfied with the corrective measures enforced by the corporation.

CMS, according to Muña and Babauta, wants "better proof" that would show that the corporation has actually rectified these concerns by providing CMS evidence such as copies of purchase orders or slips, checks/payments made to vendors, and shipment's tracking numbers, among others.

According to Babauta, the corporation immediately procured a new dishwasher to correct the second status. The equipment, he said, has been shipped from the U.S. and could arrive anytime soon.

In September, CMS gave the corporation only 23 days to address all three immediate jeopardy status. According to Babauta, this is impossible to achieve considering the time needed to order and ship the medical equipment needed.

Babauta described this factor as "beyond the control" of the corporation that CMS must consider in its decision.

CMS, it was learned, also wants a contract executed between the corporation and Diagnostic Laboratory Supplies in Hawaii to ensure the uninterrupted transmittal of lab specimen from the hospital. Babauta disclosed that the corporation has already paid its debt with DLS and is now working on a new contract. However, DLS wants advanced payment on the yet to be signed contract, he added.

For the third immediate jeopardy status, Muña and Babauta revealed that CMS specifically identified the lack of a laboratory director and manager who must be a pathologist or a certified position that is equivalent to a pathologist. Babauta said that, although these positions are hard-to-fill, the corporation is doing its best to get one immediately. He cited the need to announce the position, which will take time to fill due to the process and financial concerns involved in getting a full-time expert from off-island.

At present, he said the corporation is contacting two individuals who may want to come immediately—a certain Dr. Espinosa from Guam and former CHC physician Chad Lowe. The corporation wants to hire the individuals on special contract to fill the posts.

More citations

Both Muña and Babauta admitted that Medicare, in its report, uncovered additional citations and that the corporation was given until Dec. 3 to show evidence to CMS that it is addressing these concerns or its condition of participation with Medicare will be terminated.

Muña, who is also the corporation's chief financial officer, said the corporation has funds set aside for the "immediate needs" of the hospital that will rectify these deficiencies. She expressed optimism that all these will be addressed in a timely manner because it is not the intention of the corporation to extend any of the deadlines. The main concern, she said, is to ensure quality healthcare services.

In October alone, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the corporation collected $2.5 million and higher collections and revenues are expected in the coming months as a result of improved medical and billing functions at the hospital.

However, Muña said, that the corporation still needs government subsidy and is still counting on the line of credit with the Marianas Public Land Trust. According to her, the hospital spends a lot in "uncompensated care" for patients who have no capability to pay and are being shouldered by the corporation.

Corporation chair Joaquin Torres told *Saipan Tribune* that he will call a meeting soon to discuss the Medicare report and see how the board can provide assistance to the corporation.

HOSPITAL

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governor told reporters yesterday at the Veterans Day ceremony when asked about the calls from House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) and others for him to resign immediately as most CNMI voters booted out most of his candidates that would have blocked his impeachment.

Fitial declined to comment on the results of the Nov. 6 midterm elections but he said his administration is "working collaboratively together with the federal agencies who are willing to assist us in getting out of this," referring to yet another crisis at the hospital.

The governor said he has asked Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta for help in providing financial and technical assistance.

He said he is confident that CHC will hurdle this crisis.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued two letters to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., including a notice of termination from Medicare on Dec. 3 unless CHC addresses the problem areas identified, and another one lists the specific deficiencies.

Fitil said CMS "will reconsider their position if we resolve those issues that they want us to resolve."

Rufus Arther, manager of CMS Division of Survey and Certification Non-Long-Term Branch, said the Dec. 3 termination of the Medicare provider agreement "may be extended up to 90 days if by Nov. 10 the hospital submits credible written evidence documenting abatement and correction of the immediate jeopardy deficiencies identified…"

Priorities

Press secretary Angel Demapan said that addressing the hospital crisis should be among the issues that need to be immediately addressed, rather impeaching the governor.

"The hospital is just one of the pressing problems that warrant the attention of all our leaders. We just hope that all our elected leaders would focus on the problems that are really affecting the daily lives of people, of families, of households, and that's healthcare, utilities, that's retirement, education," Demapan said, also at the Veterans Day ceremony.

When asked whether the governor is stepping down, he said, "Not that I know of."

Demapan said the Office of the Governor "respect the results" of the election but "it should not stop us from moving forward with the daily operations and duties of the office."

Deleon Guerrero, main author of the defeated impeachment resolution, said Saturday that "the governor should respect the wish of the people."

"It is clear what the people have decided on this election. I hope he has enough decency to respect it. I further want to go on record to ask him to respect the peoples' decision and step down, do it respectfully and gracefully. It's a very clear mandate and I don't see why he continues to try to keep his job when the people have already spoken," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

'No wiggle room'

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said that in his and his staff's conversations with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials, "they have decided that there's no wiggle room anymore out of the issues, that we've got to have to address these things or we're going to lose certification."

"As of [Sunday] they have 21 days. They had a lot of time. They kept putting it off and now HHS has put down their foot down and said they can't… They knew the issues, they just haven't done it," Sablan said at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Sablan said he and CHC board chair Jack Torres had conversations about the hospital issues and will meet again to further discuss ways to help address them.

"I also understand he's told the CEO to put his politics aside and work with people that can [help]…The light has finally turned on in Juan Babauta's head. And I hope he sees it that he needs to fix this. This is about the health needs of our people here, it's the only hospital we have, it would be a crying shame if clinics have certification and the hospital doesn't," he said.

Sablan said CHC received many warnings and notices before and "they could have fixed it."

"A cordial relationship between the CEO and Region 9 administrators doesn't mean that these people are just going to ignore what they need to do," he added.

The delegate said the issues with CHC are not entirely about funding "because I also have information that the amount of money that CHC has been receiving both from Medicare and Medicaid has increased so it's not entirely about money, it's also about management. And people need to know this."

Sablan said that running CHC "requires a lot of time, but apparently he's [Babauta] got time to go and teach college courses so it tells [you] where his priorities are. And this is not politics. This is people's lives so let's get serious here."

When asked about the worst thing that could happen to CHC, Sablan said, "They will close the hospital."

He said there's a possibility that the administration may have been delaying actions until the last minute to justify an emergency sole-source contract to a company that will take over the hospital's operations to immediately fix the problems at CHC.

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the governor. The Senate president could become lieutenant governor and a new Senate president has to be selected again.

Taimanao said yesterday that based on the agreement made at the beginning of the 17th Legislature in January 2010, the rotating leadership will go to a Tinian senator and she said that agreement "should be followed."

Taimanao said that based on seniority among Tinian senators, Hofschneider is the logical candidate to become the next president. The other two senators are Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) and a newcomer, senator-elect Frank Borja, an independent.

The Senate presidency rotates among Saipan, Rota, and Tinian senators.

In the 16th Legislature, the Senate president was from Saipan—Pete Reyes. In the 17th Legislature, the presidency went back to now President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota). The next president will be from Tinian.

Torres is likely to be the next vice president, while a Rota senator will be the next floor leader.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) said yesterday he is "committed" to seeing that the next president will be from Tinian as agreed upon.

He said had it not for the gentleman's agreement of leadership rotation that he initiated, Saipan senators would always be "in the losing end."

Reyes said senators will have to sit down together and decide who among the three Tinian senators will be the next president.

Reyes is chairman of the so-called Independent Republicans whose 12 candidates all won in the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Rep. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), who will be a senator after winning the race last week, said he will fulfill the public mandate that he said is to finish what the 17th Legislature started—that of impeaching the governor.

"The voters have spoken, and we have to finish what was started," he said.

Yumul said, "Who am I to challenge that gentleman's agreement at this point?"

Manglona, who lost to the governor's candidate, Victor Hocog, said yesterday he does not want to comment on the composition of the upcoming Senate since he will not be a part of it.

"But I am confident that the gentleman's agreement we had as part of the 17th Legislature's organization understanding—that the presiding officer of the 18th Legislature will be someone from the Tinian delegation—will be honored," he said.

DEBT

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are serving in the United States armed forces during a solemn and well-attended Veterans Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park.

"As a people, we owe them a debt of gratitude we can never fully repay," said Maj. Gen. William G. Beard, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Army Pacific, in his keynote address.

Beard said it is only fitting to honor, recognize and celebrate the service of soldiers, Marines, sailors, airmen, and coast guardsmen.

"It is the efforts and dedication of these fine young men and women that help to ensure our peace and security that allow us to live our daily lives without fear and with harmony," Beard told the crowd of veterans, active duty servicemen and women, their families, students, dignitaries, and other community members.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in his welcoming remarks, said veterans' service can never be repaid in full "but it can always be honored—and must always be remembered."

In the middle of his remarks, Beard called on veterans to stand up and asked that the crowd give them a big round of applause.

Veterans—including CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs director Vicente Camacho, Customs Director Jesus Muna, Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), former representative Joe Reyes, and dozens others from the CNMI and from different part of the U.S.—stood up and received a round of applause from the crowd.

"It is worth noting that there are many who obviously cannot be here today because they continue to do our nation's business, serving in support of overseas contingency operations around the world. These are your sons and daughters who have answered the call to duty, to serve our great nation and fight for freedom and democracy against the forces of terrorism. Some of them have not returned from battle. They gave their lives, the ultimate and supreme sacrifice, for the freedom we continue to enjoy," he said.

Beard assumed his duties as deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Army Pacific on July 21, 2011.

Fitial said veterans made their lives become an instrument for the cause of freedom.

"Today we honor all who have paid the cost of freedom. We commemorate those who have gone before us and we honor those who are present here this morning. I want to thank every one of them. War is an equal opportunity tragedy. Sacrifice knows no color. There is no higher act of citizenship than answering the call to serve in our armed forces and to protect and defend our shores. Our veterans have done that," the governor said.

Beard said just as Pearl Harbor was the call to arms for the "greatest generation," the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 served as the call to duty for today's generation.

He said many from the CNMI and other Pacific Islands have answered the call. He said from the CNMI alone, there are 600 men and women currently serving in the nation's armed forces.

"In their life experiences—whether it is helping a sick child receive medical care in Afghanistan, building a new school in Iraq, or rescuing the victims of a tsunami—the men and women of our armed forces know they are members of a team dedicated to something much greater than self," he said.

The keynote speaker also said the importance of service to nation "does not ebb and flow with the economy, the rate of unemployment, or the political party in office."

Rare migratory bird sightings on Rota

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

A group of biologists from the University of Washington conducting research work on Rota recently spotted two rare migrant birds on the southern island.

Andria Kroner said in an email response to *Saipan Tribune* that she saw a Eurasian kestrel perched on the power lines across the baseball diamond in Sinapalo while driving through town on the morning of Oct. 11.

Kroner said her sighting may be the only second sighting on Rota, with the first one occurring in 1997. She said only a handful of sightings of this species has been recorded in Micronesia.

Another migrant bird, a Japanese sparrowhawk, was spotted on Nov. 2 by the group's field supervisors, Sarah Faegre and Phil Hannon.

"The sparrowhawk, like the kestrel, is a rare sighting and the bird is considered an occasional migrant to the CNMI," said Kroner.

She explained that the period between September and March is considered migration season for birds, that time of the year when rare bird sightings in the Marianas are most likely to occur.

Kroner noted, though, that storms can push migrating birds off their normal migration track.

"It is likely that more observations of migrants will occur in the following months and it is even more likely following a storm," said Kroner. "Many different types of birds are migrating during this season so it is impossible to predict exactly what you might see."

According to Kroner, some bird species go through the Marianas as part of their normal migration route, with some even dwell on the islands for the entirety of the winter season in the northern hemisphere.

However, there are birds such as the Eurasian kestrel that generally take other routes but can get blown off course by large storms and that juveniles are more susceptible to getting off track, she said.

"The individual that I saw might have been a juvenile, but in Eurasian kestrels, the adult females and the juveniles have the same coloration, so I could not say that with certainty," said Kroner.

Moreover, she said that bird occurrences on Rota like that of the Eurasian kestrel "are happening more often than we are aware simply because there are not many people out looking for them."

While the sightings of the two migrant birds are "exciting" for ornithologists, Kroner said it would not fit in with the purpose of the group's Mariana Crow project, which aims to protect the endangered bird locally known as *aga*.

"There are some ornithologists from Saipan and Guam that occasionally write up scientific papers noting the rare birds that have been seen in the Marianas and throughout Micronesia. However, if the frequency of visits like this increased to the point that a new population was being established, then that might warrant new research," she added.

PDM's Christmas tree decorating contest already draws 9 schools

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Nine public and private elementary schools have already signed up for the 7th Annual Christmas Tree Decoration Contest being organized by PDM Promoters, Inc., according to representative Sonia Siwa on Thursday.

Participating schools are Green Meadow School, Agape Christian School, Grace Christian Academy, Golden Harvest International School, and the San Antonio, Tanapag, Gregorio T. Camacho, Dandan, and Oleai elementary schools.

The annual competition aims to promote the importance of recycling among elementary students by encouraging them to use empty soda cans, water bottles, used paper, and other recyclable materials to decorate 9-foot tall Christmas trees along Paseo de Marianas.

Siwa said the schools will decorate the Christmas trees on Nov. 30 while the judging of entries will be done on Dec. 1. Entries will be evaluated based on the use of old or used materials, relevance to the holiday theme, attractiveness, creativity and design, and durability.

The judging of entries will coincide with the kickoff of the monthlong Christmas in the Marianas activities to be hosted at Paseo de Marianas by the newly formed "Friends of Paseo de Marianas," a group composed of PDM Promoters, Inc., Marianas Visitors Authority, and Pacific Development Inc. or PDI.

PDM Promoters, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that aims to make the Paseo de Marianas and the Garapan vicinity a safe and clean place for tourists and residents alike.

Siwa disclosed that letters of invitation, along with registration forms, have been sent out to elementary schools last Oct. 8.

"We have only 16 Christmas trees available for decoration, so we cannot entertain more than this," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Deadline for registration is on Thursday, Nov. 15, and Siwa encouraged other schools to take part in the annual contest.

Contest winners will be awarded in a ceremony on Dec. 8. Last year's winners were San Antonio Elementary School, Green Meadow School, Koblerville Elementary School, Golden Harvest International School, and Oleai Elementary School, respectively.

For more information, call 234-6900 or 989-7715.

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Veterans Day 2012

PHOTOS BY HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs director Vicente Camacho delivers the closing remarks at the Veterans Day ceremony.

All ears and eyes are on this member of the Pacific Winds Concert Band as he plays taps during yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony at American Memorial Park.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), and Maj. Gen. William G. Beard join other dignitaries, veterans, and active duty service members for a group photo at the conclusion of yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony at American Memorial Park's Court of Honor.

From left, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Saipan Community Church pastor Gregory Dickerman, Maj. Gen. William G. Beard, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial look on during yesterday's 2012 Veterans Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

Above, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Maj. Gen. William G. Beard, right shake hands as others look on right after the laying of the wreath during the 2012 Veterans Day ceremony yesterday.

Left, Maj. Gen. William G. Beard, left, shakes hands with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial after Beard delivers his remarks as keynote speaker at yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-004

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-004
Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines on Gloria Drive, Ocean View Drive, Isla Drive and Puetto St. Installation of new PRVs, gate valves, and construction of new booster pump station. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-13-004, Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 20, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price and Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2012** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – christie.sablan@cucgov.org..

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Maj. Gen. William G. Beard, left, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, second from right, lead the laying of the wreath at American Memorial Park's Court of Honor as part of yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony.

Veterans, active duty members, dignitaries, and other community members stand at attention as taps is played at yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony.

Visiting active duty members take part in the Veterans Day ceremony yesterday at American Memorial Park in Garapan.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial poses with some students at the conclusion of yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
WATER TASK FORCE
ITB13-GOV-001

Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for Security Services for the Water Task Force Drill Rig on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project Scope of Work and Proposal Forms will be available on or after **October 15, 2012** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00** AM, on **October 26, 2012**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:00 PM on **October 25, 2012.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB13-GOV-001**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 PM local time **November 13, 2012.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 PM local time **November 13, 2012**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 13, 2012**, and must be received no later than 2:00 PM **November 23, 2012.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 PM local time, **November 23, 2012.** However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 PM local time on **November 13, 2012.**

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial,
Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-GOV-021
LANDFILL EQUIPMENT

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting competitive sealed proposals according to the requirements of N.M.I.A.C. § 70-30.3-210 from qualified vendors to provide equipment for use at landfills on the Island of Tinian and Island of Rota. Proposal is to include costs associated with: equipment; training; extended warranty; delivery; maintenance; and training as identified in specifications. Equipment proposed must be similar to landfill equipment identified in the scope of work and be of a type commonly used in landfill operations in the United States. The specific pieces of equipment sought are the following:

1. Two tracked bulldozers;
2. Two backhoe loaders; and
3. Two hydraulic excavators.

Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 points based on the following factors:

50 points – price
50 points – experience of equipment in similar operations in United States locations and compliance with preferred model specification

All proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination as identified in NMIAC § 70-30.3-245 ("Responsibility Determination") which will evaluate whether the vendor has experience and resources for the required financing, warranty, and maintenance services. Proposals from parties who fail to meet the requirements of the Responsibility Determination will not be considered. Award shall be made to the responsible offer or whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Proposals should address each item identified in the evaluation structure and must follow the proposal structure as identified in the proposal packet that can be obtained from the Office of Procurement & Supply. Proposal packets will be available on November 7, 2012 (ChST) at Office of Capital Improvement - Juan Sablan Memorial Building - Capitol Hill (670-664-2375). Proposals must pay particular attention to the preferred identified equipment specification and use this as a guide in submission of proposals. All questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 23, 2012 (ChST) to the Office of Capital Improvement via fax to (670-664-2408).

The selected vendor will be required to comply with all applicable Commonwealth and Federal laws. All proposals must be sealed and marked RFP13-GOV-021 Landfill Equipment Proposal on the forms provided and include an original and four copies and must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012 (ChST) to:

Herman S. Sablan, Director
Marianas Procurement & Supply - Lower Base
P.O. Box 510008 CK
Saipan, MP 96950

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposers bear all risk concerning delivery. For further information contact the Office of Capital Improvement 670-664-2375. All proposals become the property of the Commonwealth.

/s/ BENIGNO R. FITIAL, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

A Rally to Give Thanks

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), right, and Rising Tide's Ed Propst wave to passing motorists on Saturday morning near the Microl intersection in San Jose, to "thank them" for the results of the Nov. 6 midterm elections. They advocated a corruption-free government.

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Tamara Hunter Duggins joins the road waving to thank CNMI voters.

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Foreign workers with U.S. citizen relatives are also all out in thanking voters.

Advocates for a clean government take a break from road waving for a photo.

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Their posters say it all.

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), left, talks to a supporter during Saturday's road waving to thank voters.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 12, 2001

Tinian's scholarship policy amended

Tinian, CNMI-The Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board has amended its existing policies to accommodate applications for online and distance education programs. Board chairman Janet King said the board recently approved the amendment to their scholarship policy, provided that the recipients follow strict guidelines. One such Tinian applicant is currently enrolled in the University of Phoenix Online Program, and is pursuing her Master of Arts in Education to supplement her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Guam. Another Tinian student recently received approval to take accounting courses through the Harcourt Learning Direct, a correspondence school based in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

FHB completes takeover of Union Bank

First Hawaiian Bank, a subsidiary of BancWest Corporation, completed Friday its acquisition of Union Bank of California's branch network in Guam and Saipan, along with associated loan and deposit accounts. First Hawaiian Bank assumed branch deposits amounting to about $200 million, and also bought various loans from the branches. First Hawaiian Bank will begin processing merchant credit car transactions for Union Bank of California business customers in Guam and Saipan. Former Union Bank customers may bank at First Hawaiian's branches at Maite and Dededo. On Saipan, First Hawaiian now has two locations -- its long-standing site in Gualo Rai and the former Union Bank of California branch in Chalan Laulau.

Nov. 12, 2002

CPA explains public land use to MPLA

The Commonwealth Ports Authority said additional land is needed at the Saipan seaport area to bolster its capability to generate needed revenues in light of the agency's plan to make the island's harbor an international facility. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said a letter was sent to the Marianas Public Lands Authority to shed light on some of the questions raised by the MPLA Board. Salas explained that the letter also specifically pointed why the CPA needs to get the additional land and how it would help the seaport in generating additional money that would also fuel the local economy.

TDHC bats for more work on airport

TINIAN—The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino disclosed yesterday that additional improvements have to be made at the West Tinian International Airport before its scheduled official opening in early 2003. Tinian Dynasty Hotel Manager Tom Liu said the runway project should be completed anytime soon but other improvement projects on the facility should be made to ensure that the airport is at par with other air transport facilities around the world. "The runway would be finished but the infrastructure should be improved also," said Liu in an interview. The manager added that the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino management is looking at January 1, 2003 for the first international flight to land directly on Tinian.

Nov. 12, 2003

PUTC chair favors audit on utility costs

The chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication yesterday underscored the importance of pinpointing the real cost of energy use in the government, as he encouraged an audit on each agency's utility consumption. Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero made the remark in reaction to Gov. Juan N. Babauta's recent move to distribute to respective government agencies the burden of paying utility bills. The committee chairman believes that identifying the real cost of energy use is the first step toward real energy conservation in the government.

'Distillation costlier than reverse osmosis'

Vapor compression or any distillation process typically costs 40 percent or more in capital and 50 percent higher in energy consumption than reverse osmosis, documents presented by former Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio showed. Tenorio, who is an engineer, submitted his research papers to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Board of Directors last week to warn the panel about the high costs involved in distillation, which is the preferred method of Taekwang Heavy Industries in its proposed desalination project on Saipan. The CUC selection committee and some board members have found Taekwang to be "the most responsive" among four proposers.

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Members of the foreign worker community thank voters for electing candidates in support of a clean government.

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Foreign workers with U.S. citizen children join the "thank you" road waving on Saturday, four days after the Nov.6 midterm elections that were easily won by candidates that advocated a "clean" government.

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) with supporters and advocates for a clean government.

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This teenager's placard says it all.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
WATER TASK FORCE
IFB13-GOV- 022

Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Leak Detection and Repairs for Garapan Tourist Center in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior and the Economic Development Administration (EDA), US Department of Commerce. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA and EDA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Contractor shall identify, report, and repairs leaks in the water distribution system, to include but not limited to mainline leaks, residential meter leaks, fire hydrants, mainline valve leaks, and other appurtenant parts of the distribution system. Contractor shall also report and repair or replace inoperable fire hydrant and valves. Contractor shall identify the models, make and part number or identification of any existing meters, hydrants or valves, which were repaired.
- Installation of valves, air relief valves, blow-off valves, fire hydrants and fittings.
- Contractor will, for each identified leak, submit a repair schedule and cost estimate for the repair including restoration of the repair sites (cushioning, backfilling/compaction and asphalting). Pavement restoration, predominantly along the road traffic, shall be expeditiously restored initially using lean concrete as basecourse. Compaction test must be submitted prior to paving.
- Contractor shall identify, report, and resolve areas of potential backflow within the water distribution system. Contractor, upon notification from WTF as forwarded from CUC, shall investigate complaints of low water pressure in the distribution system. This may indicate a substantial leak has occurred.
- Contractor will trace unrecorded service lines to their point of origin.
- Contractor shall identify, report, cut and cap abandoned lines and laterals serving vacant buildings or other facilities.
- Contractor shall provide a detailed daily report to WTF and CUC to include findings, cause of leak, steps taken to resolve the problem, materials used and type of testing performed.
- Contractor shall check all water customer service and shall report to WTF and CUC overflowing cisterns/tanks for CUC-Water Division enforcement.
- Contractor shall isolate the line subjected for repairs and shall take various pressure readings at different times before and after the repair. Contractor shall submit a pressure reading logs. Contractor shall ensure that all existing customers affected by line isolation are reconnected to the water system.
- Asphalt Road restoration.
- Repairs procedures shall be in compliance with the requirements of the CUC Water Division, DEQ, AWWA Standards, OSHA regulations and USDOT FHWA standards.

A non-refundable payment of $500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **November 5, 2012** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00** a.m., on **November 16, 2012**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:00 PM on **November 15, 2012**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB13-GOV-022**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **December 4, 2012**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **December 4, 2012**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 4, 2012**, and must be received no later than **December 14, 2012**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **December 14, 2012**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **December 4, 2012**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial
Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 13-GOV-002

Construction Management/Contract Compliance For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF), are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide Construction Management/Contract Compliance Services for various WTF contracts and projects.

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 15, 2012** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **October 26, 2012** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-305. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Construction Management/Contract Compliance", RFP 13-GOV-002.** One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 p.m., November 13, 2012 (CNMI local time).**

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/BENIGNO R. FITIAL
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

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EDITORIAL

Reflections on Veterans Day

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The Progressive Media Project

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My earliest memories of Veterans Day are filled with images of my dad telling me that "on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the year before I was born, World War I ended."

When my father spoke those words—as he did every Armistice Day—I had the sense that wars ended with precise finality. Little did I know then that wars are not so easily dismissed.

I first became a soldier in a war zone on Veterans Day in 1970. My father, a World War II vet like all the other dads in our working-class Philadelphia neighborhood, was helpless to save me.

My military transport plane landed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside Saigon on Nov. 11, 1970. Uncle Sam sent me back home on Nov. 11, 1971, exactly 365 days later.

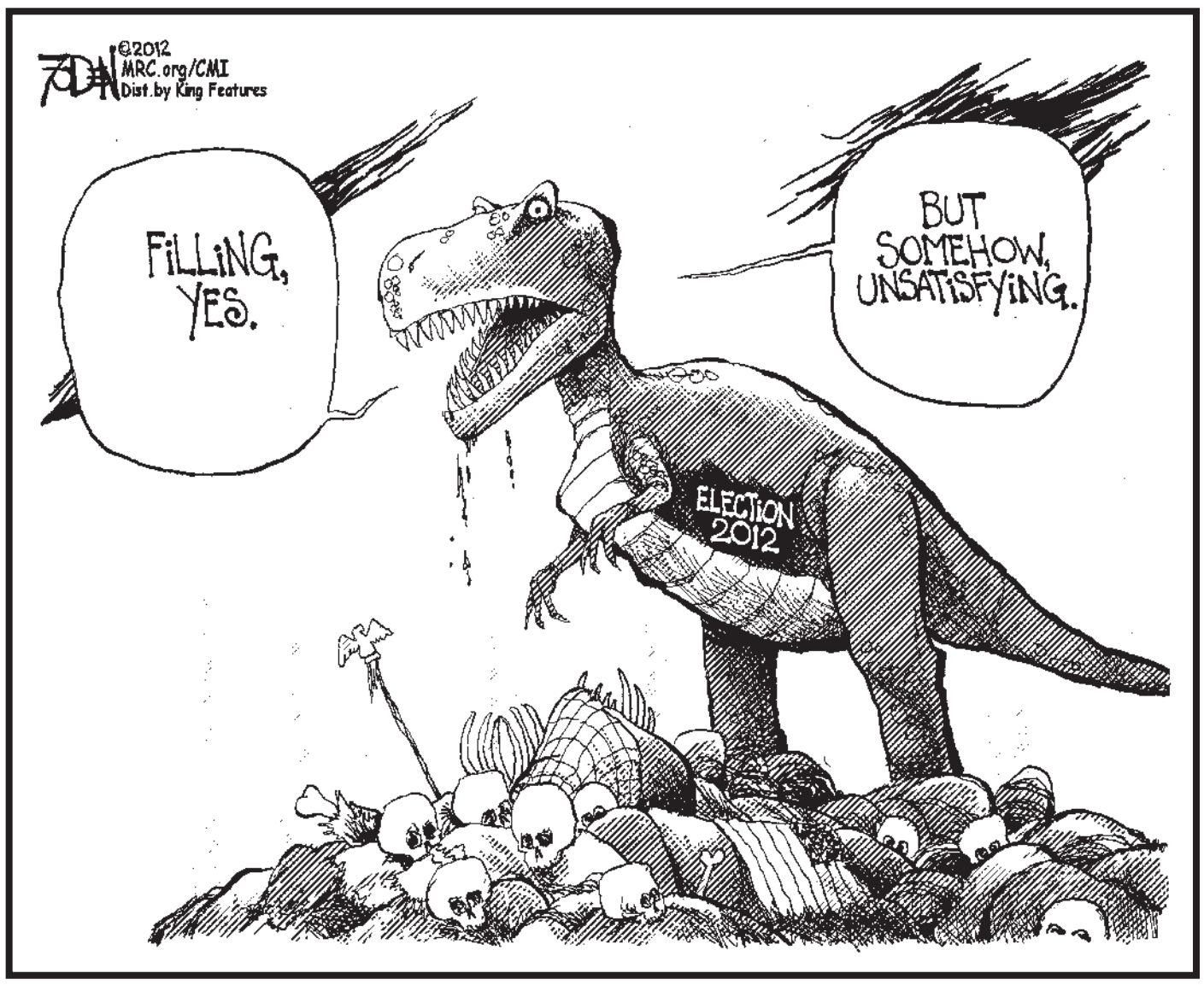
As you can imagine, Nov. 11 is etched in my mind and will always be so. It's personal, of course, but in a way it's universal, too.

I say that because too many of our fathers and mothers and wives and husbands still have to visit the graves of loved ones on Nov. 11. I say that because nearly all of our political leaders rattle sabers in an attempt to look strong and mighty, while at the same time paying lip service to the sacrifices made by the less than 1 percent of the population who have been fighting America's wars.

And I say that because what my father and I both learned is that war is brutal and ugly and unremitting, even after you're discharged.

I wish my father and I had talked about that. I wish we as a nation would talk more about that, too. Because one thing fellow combatants know is that war is not the answer.

Sure, I'll pay tribute to my dad and all my fellow veterans on Nov. 11. But I'll also close the curtains, lest any of my neighbors think it strange that a 65-year-old man is sitting up most of the night, alone in his living room, weeping.



When do we begin to create our own prosperity?

ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Last week, along with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, I met with Office of Insular Affairs director Mr. Nick Pula and Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior Mr. Tony Babauta. They discussed their analysis and review of the past years of the financial condition of our government.

By now you have heard that the CNMI government has been miserably getting deeper and deeper in the red. When will it stop and begin getting better? How much more are we going to depend on outside assistance? Meanwhile we keep begging for more U.S. assistance to bail us out. But is that the answer? Are we going to keep begging? When will we begin to help ourselves?

In all the meetings I attend concerning the economy and how to improve it, I rarely hear solid ideas on how to generate more income. Most of the discussions are spent on how to cut expenses, such as reducing government personnel and work hours. While these are vital, we simply discuss how to squeeze instead of how to increase our income. We rarely discuss how we can increase the amount of money coming into the CNMI.

Recall the boom years of the garment industry when we exported millions of garments yearly and had a huge influx of dollars. Remember the $275-million budget years? Then as the garment industry faded, we failed to replace it with another industry. But we continued to spend and spend while the income of dollars became fewer and fewer, thus we are in the dreadful situation we now find ourselves in.

The Retirement Fund is bankrupt, the hospital is in a coma, and CUC is getting more and more expensive. Meanwhile we stand and scratch our head in dismay. Some of us have escaped to the mainland while the rest of us either are lining up for food stamps or are simply dumbfounded as to what to do.

When have any legislators come up with ideas on how to generate funds? When has our governor invited investors here? And I suspect that many of the ones we have now are either sorry they invested here or are eager to leave. Why is this?

Not seeming to be a mister-know-it all, I am going to stick my neck out and explain what I feel we must do to regain sanity and a sound economy. There are only two ways to make money on our islands. We must export goods and we must increase imports of dollars.

Increasing our tourist market is one of the best ways to import dollars. We must strive to improve what we are doing to attract tourists and must make their stay a pleasant and memorable one. How we do this I leave to the MVA who does work hard to increase tourism. But how much does our government invest for increasing tourism? Remember the greater the number of tourists, the greater amount of dollars that remain here.

Guam is increasing their tourists count daily. They expect over 1.3 million tourists this year. How do they do it? Palau is fast improving their tourist market. Yet our market is diminishing. Why? Tourism should be bigger and better yearly in the CNMI. It should be able to reduce most of our deficit. Why isn't it? We must seriously study this problem. In October our hotel occupancy rate was only 59 percent! Try to get a room in Guam. It is very difficult. They are fully booked.

Another major way to increase our import of dollars is to grow and export agriculture and aquaculture products and value added products. As I have repeatedly written here, we can produce thousands of pounds of fruits and vegetables and value added products for export to our giant market in Guam. But why aren't we doing it?

There is great opportunity for us to regain prosperity but it will come at a price. That price is the sweat of our brow and labor with our hands. We must turn to our natural resource: our land and ocean. We have over 117,000 acres of farmable land, of which we are currently using only about 3.4 percent of it for farming. We have an ocean that is bountiful with fish. Yet we turn our backs on these two diamonds under our feet.

Much of our farmland is leased to Chinese farmers or nonresident workers to farm for them. Therefore the farms are not fully utilized to generate dollars for us. The oceans are not fished because no one is willing to become a professional fisherman. Thus we remain poor and wonder what to do to improve while wealth lies under our feet.

After spending nearly two years researching the problem, an answer appeared. Nearly two years ago when I was exporting local grown shrimp to the U.S. military commissary, the Admiral of the Navy base approached me and stated: "Daily I import fruits and vegetables from Long Beach, California. As the produce is loaded into the container, it is gassed to slow down the ripening process while the container is being delivered to Guam. After arriving in Guam about two weeks later, it is opened and degassed. And that is the food I have to serve to my troops. Your farmers are only about 50 minutes away. Why can't they supply me with the food I need?"

The CNMI has a huge market in Guam. Guam is fast becoming an urban society while the CNMI remains a rural society. We have more than one and half more farmers than Guam and over 10 times the farmland.

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Believe in America

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Our title was the slogan of Romney's attempted trip to the White House. He did not make it out of Boston, but the slogan turned out to be the theme we picked up from Obama's victory speech in Chicago.

One of my English classes is off campus in a college connected to our university, scheduled on a Wednesday, but the English department had in the last month two occasions when they asked me to perform an extra task so we ended moving the class to Thursday. The last time we met last week, we asked the class to make the change permanent.

So this Wednesday, we had a day off in time to watch Singapore's NewsAsia and China's CCTV, state-owned media stations, broadcast the returns of the U.S. presidential election. Since China time at midday is EST's 11pm, we were wide awake to what was billed as a long night of a close and expected drawn out contest, perhaps to the last ballot tally in Ohio, Florida, and Virginia. By midnight EST, Obama secured his second term in office.

Wednesday morning, I had laid out the corn chowder that was going to be my lunch if Romney somehow managed to squeak through, while I had a quarter of a breaded chicken ala Chicago Southside for Obama and the city's stockyards.

Of course, I had gone along with *NY Times'* Nate Silver early on in the week to project an Obama landslide in spite of the nail-biting projections of the Atlantic seaboard pundits, so I already had a taste for the chicken.

Mitt Romney's concession speech was pleasantly subdued and conciliatory. We decided to have the soap and the chicken together while we waited for the man of the hour to take the podium in Chicago. He bounded into the stage with the confidence Obama exhibited during his first campaign, and essentially did a reprise of the "this is your victory" theme he flung to supporters at Grant Park, though this time, he picked up on the GOP theme, affirmed his belief in America, and gave the message the twist it needed.

A context from my side. "Belief" as an operational word had long been dropped from my vocabulary since we discarded the medieval theological metaphors of metaphysics. "Belief" became what one obstinately hangs on to when contrary evidence is presented to refute a closely held truth. Thus if and when I say, "I still believe so-and-so," I do so against the wind. We tend to use the word "faith" to say what is felt deeply in the guts with conviction.

Our Hawaii-born Chicago Southside community organizer turned the Tuesday midnight event into a Midwest revival meeting. He was, of course, preaching to the choir. The audience highly energized, already singing the hallelujah chorus, they rip roared to the rafters to hear the gospel of their familiar.

Obama did not disappoint.

He told his "congregation" that in this election, they reaffirmed the spirit that has triumphed over war and depression, the spirit that has lifted the country from the depths of despair to the great heights of hope, the belief that while each will pursue their own individual dreams, we are an American

family and we rise or fall together as one nation and as one people.

Heady stuff. I reflexively opened my desk drawer and started thumbing through my blue book out of its passport holder. I remember the day in '84, after 12 years of green carding it through INS, I took on U.S. citizenship, making our family's international diversity (two U.S., one Canada, one Pea Eye) into an American family affair.

It was from a black ghetto on the Westside of Chicago 1967 where I first heard from a Methodist brother the No-Messiah-Messiah articulation. I had never been comfortable with the traditional Christian piety's mythology of a second coming and the millennial reign of the Christos. So the story resonated in its emancipating force.

The story was plucked out of John in the Christian New Testament. Jesus was passing through one of Jerusalem's pool when he came upon a 38-year-old paraplegic lying on his bed. He asked the man, the story tells, "Do you

want to get well?" The man gives his lifelong excuse of not being able to get to the hocus-pocus when the angel of the Lord comes to stir the waters. The man from Galilee tells him, "Well, why don't you pick up your bed, and walk?" He did, and he walked. We did, too, and we walked!

Some characterized Obama as a Miss-yeah, or a Mess-ayah, having made promises that he reportedly did not deliver. I included his Grant Park acceptance speech in my Oral English class expanded notebook for practice reading, so I know the message is different and unmistakable. Yes, WE can! Many Americans wanted the "We" to be an Obama "I".

This second term, Obama was not going to make the same mistake. As the crescendo of his preaching intensified, he boomed: "... America's never

been about what can be done for us; it's about what can be done by us together, through the hard and frustrating but necessary work of self-government. ...What makes America exceptional are the bonds that hold together the most diverse nation on Earth, the belief that our destiny is shared..."

By then, misty eyes visited this crusty old coot. We straightened our back, dipped the spoon into the corn chowder, and relished our chicken for the day.

Yes, WE can!

Inañgokun Publiku

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Inañgoku unu gi mas guaguan na bittu yan onru gi tautau. Este na bittu finañagu ni personat na integridat ginen hagu solu. Unestu yan klaru konsensiamu gi todu pinetsige parehu ha' para hagu mismu yan i otru.

Debi un' gana ginen i prohimumu ni pumega konfiansaña giya hagu. Presisu na diariu un' bisita ennau na onru. Mampos lagse' na gigon masge' ya maliñgu magpu' todus i inañgoku.

'Nai ma-entrega hau nu ennau na inañgoku ni publiku, pues gaige gi bandamu i para un' famauleg ya un' adahe gi katkuet kinalamtenmu. Yangin malagnos ginen patman kanaimu pot diskuidun hinasñgon, pues i publiku siempre mofo'na huyuñg gi petta ya inabandona hau.

Estague' masusede gi mapos na Mattes. I administrasion hafa' basula i inañgokun i linahyan. Ni na'yan tatte parehu! Pot essu, ni hafa u chogue esta taigue i inañgoku taiguihe antes. Magpu i nobeña yan lisayuña pronto.

I mas mauleg na chalan gi halom este na te'ug chubasku i para u resigna siha i mangaige pa'gu gi siyan publiku. Este solu satbasion gi hilu' pas gi a'gañg na disision publiku ni ma-manifesta gi mapos na Mattes! Taya' ga'tut gi talu'. Klaru disisioña yan dinisehaña i publiku.

Tiempon Abundansia

I kinisechan fangualu'an piot gi hinalom ha'anen tiempon gupot abundansia neñkanu'. Piot ya umagacha' yan sagun atulai, mañahag, faya yan tiau. Mas paire hinanau todu familia guine. Tai malegfaghu nu este na tiempu antes.

Sumen namagof i dinaña todus piot gi inana'en kinisecha 'sino kineni' guihan. Tat ti dumaflogue inaflitun pattun 'sino mafadeni' na mañahag, kelaguen atulai yan otru siha putahe.

I puntu: Ginen inayegta mauleg na simiya ni ta tanom numa'e' hit mauleg na kinisecha. Taimanu i otru siha preparasion gi linala'ta kontodu preparasion para an' ha facha'e hit tiempon hai'las.

Estague' na finapos i fafayen natibu antes. Mauleg ta pañgun tatte pot satbasionta gi katkuet mattiru. Na fan geftau hamyu gi krineansan famaguon miyu preparasion para futturon niha. Haf' un' tanom ayu siempre un' kusecha. Bien karera!

Paska na ekonomian isla

I tano'ta man-dikiki' na isla. Man-tai mina hit ni siña ta bende gi metkau elmundu tat kumu laña. Lau mampos ta polu kulan hokog appottunidat pot estau-ta. Atan Japon, un' dikiki' na nasion ni umadelantague' kumu mina' tres gi ekonomian enteru elmundu.

Ileghu na kumu ta suhun gi un' banda i estau dikiki' na isla ya tana'e animu taimanu Japon, libianu man-hanau mona hit sin u fuñut hit i man-taya'ta. I nina' siñata gaige na uma'atog gi sensian natibu ni tasede maigu' sin presisu.

Enfin, ha nesessita este sattun yan metgot na diniseha para ta adelantan maisa hit gi hafa guinahata. Repara sa' gigon chumatsaga i tiempu, ta bira hit tatte gi gualu' yan peska. Na ti hagas este fafayita kumu petmanente patte gi tradision natibu? Guaha mohon siña ta chogue para ta adelanta este na patte gi sensiata?

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Lugat Fañotdayan

Giya Filipinas, hu bisita un' sumen dañkulu na fañotdayan. Mas ke 200 hektarias na tinamom choda. I empleau sige mahoñggu' i manto'a siha na choda mientras i pumalu pumepega gi halom kostat plastik. Malofan para i batku ni para u chinili' para Japon. Guaha mohon chetdata ni hihot yan tinanom niha? Chetdan loñg? Insuttu!

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Dispues de pagyun choda, manadan hagasas ni esta man-hagamham man-yinite' ni mañglu'. Este na palabra (hagamham) i añglu' na hagun niyok. Lamegai palabras siha pot troñkun niyok mauleg in' ketuñgu'. Fana'gue famaguon siha haf" dadeg, aplok, manha, ma'sun, na'gao, pontan, faha' yan kanu'un. Todu este siha man-gaige gi papa' hinerat na palabran niyok.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Veterans

As of today I believe that 396 Vietnam veterans were left behind in the jungle prisons of Laos. Failure of the U.S. to account for them, find, or save them went with a government's failure to negotiate for these men. It was over the U.S. not paying money to the Vietnamese for war damages. When lists of POWs were turned over they knew it was wrong then.

If you are a veteran, demand from the U.S. that we account for these lost souls. When this war is over don't let the U.S. government let your rights go down the drain in the name of "putting this behind us." Make them accountable for every promise they made to you. If you don't you will be left behind like those 396 men who are lost.

There is nothing happy about Veterans Day when you are an aging, ailing veteran due to your service-borne health and psychological issues that the government refuses to help with. Don't say thank you to me, as though that fixes it all. Create meaningful jobs for us. We are veterans, we can take it from there.

Robert Engelhart
Sadog Tasi, Saipan

WHEN

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Guam has over 1.3 million tourists per year and growing. It has a fairly large population of 160,000-plus citizens and a large military population. All of these people eat at least three times daily. So where does this food come from? It is mostly imported from the United States or Korea. Yet we are only a few minutes away. We export almost nothing to Guam. What a wasted and missed golden opportunity! But we go there to shop. Thus we export more our money instead of importing it.

After extensive research, it has been found that the CNMI (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota) are able to produce large amounts of fruits and vegetables for export to Guam. Guam annually imports in excess of $25 million worth of fruits and vegetables. From the CNMI, the U.S. territory exports virtually very little except for some root crops from Rota.

To test the market my associate and I have hand-carried hundreds of pounds of vegetables to Guam and sold them to hotels and the commissary. We discovered two things: one is that the produce we grow in the CNMI is as good as the ones imported from the USA. But the other and negative point we discovered is the costly and difficulty in shipping that produce to Guam from the various islands of the CNMI.

Now there is a way to ship consistently to our huge market in Guam. However it will require the assistance of all of us. We will have to plow our fields and plant our crops. We will have to begin fishing our oceans. These two activities of cultivating our land and harvesting our ocean will bring two major improvements to our society. Our people will be working with pride and dignity, and with the exports, dollars will be imported thereby reversing the export of sparse dollars. We must return to the basic concept that unless we work we will not eat and will not have money. We cannot subside only on handouts. Work or we don't eat!

But that is the subject of the next article in which I will discuss the air cargo bridge that is being built between every island from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam. Yes, I know that I have spoken of this before, but we must hear about it often until we take action. It is a sure way to improve our prosperity.

Someone once told me that being poor is a state of the mind, but being broke is only a temporary situation. Which is our situation?

Do have a great week and remember to smile! The smile we flash is always returned with another smile!

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼81
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲89	▼79
Chuuk	Showers	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around The Globe

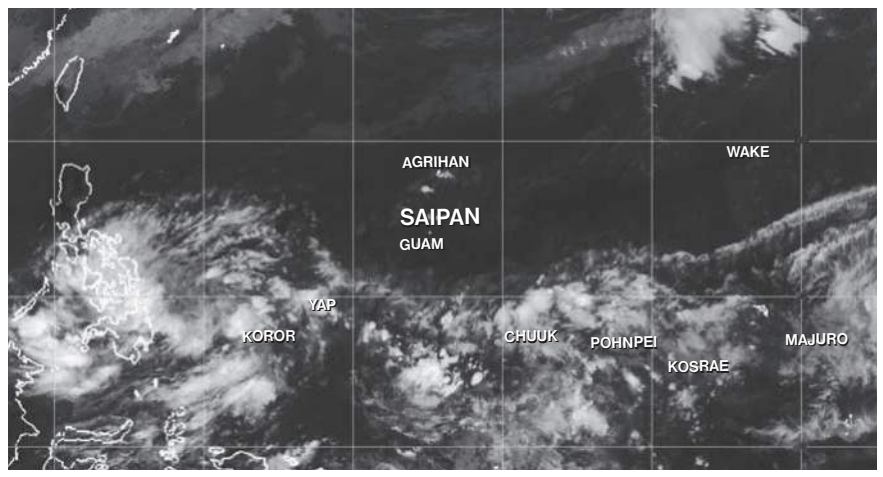
Auckland	Showers	▲62	▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲44	▼26
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼71
Honolulu	Sunny	▲82	▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲53	▼36
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼50
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼46
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼70
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼57
Osaka	Showers	▲60	▼51
Paris	Sunny	▲51	▼36
Pusan	Sunny	▲59	▼43
Rome	Rain	▲65	▼56
Salem	Rain	▲50	▼43
San Francisco	Sunny	▲63	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲47	▼37
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼50
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼58

Tides

Saipan Harbor

6:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
5:38 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An old shear line reaches southwestward from near Minami Tori Shima near 25N156E to end at 19N138E. Patchy clouds and showers are present along and up to 200 miles northwest of this boundary. A monsoon trough stretches eastward from a circulation near Mindanao to 4N130E to another circulation centered southwest of Chuuk at 3N150E then continues northeastward as a surface trough to end northeast of Pohnpei at 10N162E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are north of the monsoon trough near Koror and Yap west of a line from 15N135E to 11N140E to 4N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present south of the trough south of a line from 3N130E to 3N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the circulation southwest of Chuuk within 140 miles of a line from 6N141E to EQ151E and also over a large area near Pohnpei and Kosrae within 420 miles of a line from 4N149E to 10N164E. A weak surface trough is producing isolated thunderstorms north of Saipan within 50 miles of a line from 16N144E to 18N147E. Strong trade-wind convergence is generating scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms across the Marshall Islands between 4N and 11N from 169E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:11 AM	4:11 PM
Tuesday	5:13 AM	5:05 PM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	6:03 PM
Thursday	7:24 AM	7:05 PM
Friday	8:28 AM	8:08 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCT. 27, 2012

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:10pm	Daily
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)			
UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)			
VLK1734	2:00am	8:15am	5 every other week
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:10pm	Daily via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
VLK1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4 every other week
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ702/605	12:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ750/603	1:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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Business

Farm bill could hinge on budget talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—A farm bill that stalled in Congress before the election could see quick action by the end of the year if congressional leaders decide they need its spending cuts—including a small reduction in the $80-billion-a-year food stamps program—to make a deal for averting the "fiscal cliff."

The farm bill passed by the Senate in June would save $23 billion over 10 years, while a version passed by the House Agriculture Committee in July would save $35 billion. The savings come from cuts to farm subsidies and by tightening eligibility requirements for those who receive food stamps, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

That pot of money could be useful to lawmakers who will be scrambling in the year's final weeks to address the combination of tax increases and automatic spending cuts due in January—dubbed the fiscal cliff because the combination could plunge the economy into another recession.

The Senate has already passed its version of the farm bill. So any decision to make it part of a budget agreement will require the acquiescence of Republican House leaders who stopped action on the bill before the election, saying there weren't enough votes. But they also avoided a nasty and what would have been a highly visible pre-election floor fight over food stamps.

Democrats said the program, which feeds about 1 in 7 Americans, shouldn't be touched while conservatives complained the bill's 2 percent cut in the program—$1.6 billion a year—was too small.

Doug Heye, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, said no decisions have been made on how to move the farm bill or whether it will be part of the fiscal negotiations. The 2008 farm bill expired Sept. 30, so Congress at a minimum will have to extend parts of it into next year.

Tax cuts set to expire

If Congress and President Barack Obama fail to act before the so-called fiscal cliff in January, the changes could jolt the economy and raise tax bills. The tax changes could cost almost $3,500 per household.

Change	Billions added to the 2013 federal budget	Percentage change in effective tax rate
2003 cuts for high-income earners expire	$8.20	0.2%
Affordable Care Act creates new taxes	24.00	0.3
2009 stimulus-related cuts expire	27.20	0.2
Estate tax exemption drops	31.20	0.2
Alternative minimum tax affects more people	40.20	0.4
2001 cuts for high earners expire	44.20	0.5
Short-term tax breaks routinely extended by Congress expire	74.50	0.5
Payroll tax cuts expire	115.20	1.0
Remainder of "Bush-era cuts" expire	171.20	1.6
	Total $535.90 billion	4.9%

Source: Tax Policy Center
Graphic: Chicago Tribune © 2012 MCT

Labor: Tax the rich, don't touch safety nets

WASHINGTON (AP)—After two years of getting pummeled in Wisconsin, Indiana and other battleground states, leaders of the nation's big labor unions were beaming on election night.

Labor's massive voter turnout effort played a major role in helping President Barack Obama win Ohio, Nevada and Wisconsin, according to exit polls, and its leaders are now looking for a more liberal, pro-union agenda from the White House.

"There are things the president can do, and we'll be expecting that leadership from President Obama," AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka told reporters after the election.

Topping labor's wish list—for now—is a push to raise taxes on wealthy Americans and discouraging Obama from agreeing to any deal with Republicans over the looming "fiscal cliff" that cuts into Social Security and Medicare.

But unions are also pressing for new measures that might help boost their sagging membership rolls. New investment in infrastructure would bring construction jobs for trade unions. Immigration reform—and a path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented Latino immigrants—would create a vast new pool of potential union members. And new regulations could remove some obstacles to union organizing.

Business groups that have vigorously opposed efforts to help unions draw new members say they will keep playing defense.

"My primary concern is in the regulations," said Randel Johnson, vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for labor issues. "We are afraid that on employment issues, the administration will stay firmly to the left and follow the lead of the unions."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Frustrated residents protest outside NY utility

NEW YORK (AP)—Even as the lights came on for many who lost power in New York and New Jersey during the superstorm and a later nor'easter, hundreds of residents protested Saturday outside a Long Island utility, frustrated by its slow response to outages. Power restoration has been slower there than in other areas hit by Superstorm Sandy, sparking criticism of the Long Island Power Authority. Some of the 130,000 blacked out homes and businesses the utility serves may not have power restored until the end of Tuesday, according to LIPA. In the rest of the region hardest hit by the storm, most service was expected to be restored by the end of the weekend, though that doesn't include tens of thousands of homes too damaged to juice up. "We are sitting in a cold house. No one comes by," said John Mangin of Levittown, N.Y. "There should be criminal charges against the CEO and the executive board of LIPA for failure to do their jobs."

Taiwan's HTC settles patent disputes with Apple

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwanese smartphone maker HTC Corp. has settled with Apple Inc. on their outstanding patent disputes. In a joint statement Sunday, the two companies said they also signed a 10-year license agreement that will extend to current and future patents held by one other. Apple and HTC had battled patents over various smartphone features since March 2010, with the Cupertino-based firm accusing HTC phones that run on Google's Android software of infringing on its patents.

Lockheed Martin ousts new CEO for relationship

BETHESDA, Md. (AP)—Lockheed Martin Corp. has ousted its president and future CEO over a relationship with a subordinate. The defense company said Friday that its board of directors asked for and received the resignation of Christopher Kubasik from his role as vice chairman, president and chief operating officer. Kubasik, 51, was scheduled to become CEO in January. Lockheed Martin says an ethics investigation confirmed that he had a close personal relationship with a subordinate employee. That violates the company's code of ethics and business conduct.

Iraq reconsiders $4 billion Russian arms plans

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq is reconsidering plans to buy more than $4 billion in arms from Russia, officials said Saturday, throwing the proposed purchase into question just weeks after it was announced. The turnaround follows the ouster of Russia's defense minister earlier this week, and allegations by Iraqi lawmakers and local media that the pending deal is tainted by graft. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki traveled to Moscow in October and outlined plans to buy the weapons, including helicopter gunships and air defense missiles.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-005
SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of office supplies for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Packet may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of $50.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Supply & Delivery of Office Supplies" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2012**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **October 25, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this bid must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2012** to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email-christie.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.org.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-007
AUTOMOBILE RENTAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for Automobile Rental Services on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Packet may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of $50.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Automobile Rental Services" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 19, 2012**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **October 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this bid must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 29, 2012** to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email-christie.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.org.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-008

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified insurance firms to provide workers' compensation insurance and administration for CUC's employees throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and when on official business away from the CNMI.

The RFP package and the scope of work may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-13-008, Workers' Compensation & Administration", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than December 4, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions regarding CUC-RFP-13-008 must be submitted in writing no later than **November 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Nation

Official: Emails from paramour led to FBI probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The scandal that brought down CIA Director David Petraeus started with harassing emails sent by his biographer and paramour, Paula Broadwell, to another woman, and eventually led the FBI to discover the affair, U.S. officials told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Petraeus quit Friday after acknowledging an extramarital relationship.

The official said the FBI investigation began several months ago with a complaint against Broadwell, a 40-year-old graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and an Army Reserve officer. That probe led agents to her email account, which uncovered the relationship with the 60-year-old retired four-star general, who earned acclaim for his leadership of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The identity of the other woman and her connection with Broadwell were not immediately known.

Concerned that the emails he exchanged with Broadwell raised the possibility of a security breach, the FBI brought the matter up with Petraeus directly, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation. The FBI approached the CIA director because his emails in the matter were in most instances sent from a personal account, not his CIA one.

AP

In this June 29, 2012 file photo, Gen. David Petraeus testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Petraeus decided to quit, abruptly ending a high-profile career that might have culminated with a run for the presidency, a notion he was believed to be considering. Petraeus handed his resignation letter to President Barack Obama on Thursday, stunning many in the White House, the CIA and Congress. The news broke in the media before the House and Senate intelligence committees were briefed, officials say.

By Friday evening, multiple officials identified Broadwell, who spent the better part of a year reporting on Petraeus' time in Afghanistan.

Members of Congress said they want answers to questions about the affair that led to Petraeus's resignation.

House intelligence committee chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., and ranking member Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., will meet Wednesday with FBI deputy director Sean Joyce, and CIA acting director Michael Morell to ask questions, including how the investigation came about, according to a senior congressional staffer who spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

Petraeus has been married for 38 years to Holly Petraeus, the daughter of the West Point superintendent when he was a student at the New York school.

"He is truly remorseful about everything that's happened," said Steve Boylan, a retired army officer and former Petraeus spokesman who spoke Saturday with the former general. In a phone call with Boylan, Petraeus lamented the damage he'd done to his "wonderful family" and the hurt he'd caused his wife.

"He screwed up, he knows he screwed up, now he's got to try to get past this with his family and heal," said Boylan.

Paula Broadwell interviewed the general and his close associates intensively for more than a year to produce the best-selling biography, "All In: The Education of General David Petraeus," which was written with Vernon Loeb, a Washington Post editor, and published in January. Since Petraeus's resignation, the book jumped from a ranking on Amazon of 76,792 on Friday to 111 by mid-Saturday.

The CIA was not commenting on the identity of the woman with whom Petraeus was involved.

Broadwell, who is married with two young sons, has not responded to multiple emails and phone messages. Broadwell planned to celebrate her 40th birthday party in Washington this weekend, with many reporters invited. But her husband emailed guests to cancel the event late Friday.

CIA officers long had expressed concern about Broadwell's unprecedented access to the director. She frequently visited the spy agency's headquarters in Langley, Va., to meet Petraeus in his office, accompanied him on his punishing morning runs around the CIA grounds and often attended public functions as his guest, according to two former intelligence officials.

As a military intelligence officer in the Army Reserve, Broadwell had a high security clearance, which she mentioned at public events as one of the reasons she was well-suited to write Petraeus's story.

Across US, Veterans Day commemorations under way

By JESSICA GRESKO and KEVIN McGILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saturday marked the first of what will be three days of Veterans Day commemorations across the United States.

The holiday falls on a Sunday, and the federal observance is on Monday. It's the first such day honoring the men and women who served in uniform since the last U.S. troops left Iraq in December 2011.

It's also a chance to thank those who stormed the beaches during World War II—a population that is rapidly shrinking with most of those former troops now in their 80s and 90s.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, a steady stream of visitors arrived Saturday morning as the names of the 58,000 people on the wall were being read over a loudspeaker.

Some visitors took pictures, others made rubbings of names, and some left mementos: a leather jacket, a flag made out of construction paper, pictures of young soldiers and even several snow globes with an American eagle inside.

Alfred A. Atwood, 65, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was visiting the wall for the first time.

"I've just never been able to do it," Atwood said of visiting the memorial, which was completed in 1982.

Atwood, who later became a police detective, said he knows a number of people on the wall, but the one name he wanted to find Saturday was his friend Ronald L. Wright. The two had grown up together, and when Atwood decided to join the Marines at 18 there was no stopping Wright, Atwood said.

Wright died in 1968 when he stepped on a land mine, Atwood said, and Wright's mother always blamed him for her son's death. He's never been able to bring himself to visit his friend's grave, he said.

On Saturday he found Wright's name on panel 44E, row 60, and he ran his fingers over it, shaking his head.

"I'm still in the blocking stage. I want to go somewhere and sit down and think a minute," he said after seeing Wright's name. "All I can see when I was touching and reading his name was his mother's face telling me I got her son killed."

A half-dozen women of various ages knitted intently near a pile of hand-made scarves while frail, silver-haired men sat waiting for a chance to tell their war stories Saturday as tourists and veterans filed into the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

The museum planned a series of events to celebrate the Veterans Day weekend.

Man says he found mom's body after Afghan massacre

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. (AP)—Stories of the massacre came, one by one, over a live video link from Afghanistan into a military courtroom outside Seattle: torched bodies, a son finding his wounded father, boys cowering behind a curtain while others screamed "We are children! We are children!"

As the Afghans recounted the horror that left 16 dead in the darkness early on March 11, the U.S. soldier accused of carrying out the rampage sat quietly in the courtroom.

At one point, Staff Sgt. Robert Bales moved closer to a large monitor showing the testimony. At other times, he watched as it played on a laptop screen in front of him. Either way, he gave no discernible reaction to the stories he heard.

Speaking through an interpreter, one Afghan closed his remarks with the words: "My request is to get justice."

The hearing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord is meant to help determine whether Bales, 39, will face a court-martial in the deaths of the seven adults and nine children. He could face the death penalty if he is convicted.

Bales, an Ohio native and father of two from Lake Tapps, Wash., has not entered a plea and was not expected to testify. His attorneys have not discussed the evidence, but say he has post-traumatic stress disorder and suffered a concussive head injury while serving in Iraq.

The hearing, which began last Monday, was held overnight Friday to accommodate the Afghan witnesses.

They recounted the villagers who lived in the attacked compounds and listed the names of those killed, to provide a record of the lives lost. The bodies were buried quickly under Islamic custom, and no forensic evidence was available to prove the number of victims.

The youngest witness was Sadiquallah, a slight boy of about 13 or 14 whose head rose just above the back of the seat he was sitting in. With his ears sticking out from beneath a white cap, he described being awakened by a neighbor screaming that an American had "killed our men

Sick, frail struggle most in storm's aftermath

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of society's most vulnerable people—the elderly, the disabled and the chronically ill—have been pushed to the brink in the powerless, flood-ravaged neighborhoods struggling to recover from Superstorm Sandy.

The storm didn't just knock out electricity and destroy property when it came ashore in places like the Far Rockaway section of Queens. It disrupted the fragile support networks that allowed the neighborhood's frailest residents to get by.

Here, the catastrophe has closed pharmacies, kept home care aids from getting to elderly clients and made getting around in a wheelchair impossible. The city has recorded at least two deaths of older men in darkened buildings.

For some living in the disaster zone, it has all been too much.

When a team of medics and National Guardsmen turned up at Sheila Goldberg's apartment tower in Far Rockaway on Friday to check on the well-being of residents, floor by floor, the 75-year-old burst into tears and begged for help caring for her 85-year-old husband.

"This is a blessing. I'm at my wit's end," she said, sobbing.

Her husband, Irwin, has a pacemaker, wears a colostomy bag and needs her help to do almost everything. When the power was on, Goldberg said, "I could take care of him by myself and survive." But for days, the building had no heat or electricity. There were no open stores to buy food. Until the end of the week, there was no water or elevators either, meaning residents like the Goldbergs, on the 25th floor, had to cart water up the steps themselves just to flush the toilet. A bad stench permeates much of the building.

"I'm running out of my blood pressure medication. We're both going to drop dead in this apartment," Sheila said. The medical team said it would make arrangements to transfer Irwin to a medical facility, at least temporarily.

City and federal officials, and a growing army of volunteers, are trying hard to make sure families like that don't fall into despair. Their efforts come alongside relief workers, donations, volunteers and demolition crews who flocked to New York and New Jersey in recent days to assist in the massive cleanup. The region took a few more steps to move past the storm Saturday, when power was restored for many more and gas rationing eased some of the clogged lines at stations in New York.

Asia

Analysis: Obama 2nd term to sustain Asia pivot

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's re-election means he can sustain the strategic shift toward the Asia-Pacific started during his first term but the attention and resources the region gets may be hostage to instability in the Middle East and budget battles in Washington.

Obama is slated to attend a summit of East Asian leaders in Cambodia this month, underscoring his commitment to the region. He could also make a side-trip to Myanmar, becoming the first U.S. president to visit that military-dominated country to reward its democratic reforms.

Many Asian governments are likely to welcome Obama's victory over Republican challenger Mitt Romney. Concerned about China's rising power and assertive behavior, they have supported the Obama administration's "pivot" to the region as the U.S. disentangles from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Still, they also want the U.S. to get along with China, the hub of the Asian economy. Romney's more confrontational stance, based on his threat to designate China as a currency manipulator, could have set back U.S.-China relations and even sparked a trade war.

Romney's defeat will be greeted with quiet relief in Beijing, which wants stability in its most critical bilateral relationship as it undergoes its own leadership transition that kicks off at a Communist Party Congress on Thursday.

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Aaliyah Bilal, of Ft. Washington, Md., right, and Brian Ingram, of Los Angeles left, react as they watch a live television broadcast showing the victory of President Barack Obama in the U.S. presidential election, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, in Shanghai, China.

Whether Asia policy gets the kind of attention from the U.S. as during the first term will depend partly on who succeeds Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. She has made at least a dozen trips to the region and championed the view that U.S. interests lie in more ties with that booming continent. Her hard-charging top diplomat for East Asia, Kurt Campbell, is also expected to move on.

The agenda of the next secretary of state, who is yet to be named, could be at the mercy of events.

Walter Lohman, director of Asian studies at the Heritage Foundation think tank, said China is the main long-term strategic threat for the U.S., but the most immediate foreign policy concern is Iran's nuclear program. A conflict there would suck up resources and could upset what the administration wants to achieve elsewhere, he said.

Fighting in neighboring Syria also shows no sign of abating. Security in Iraq remains fragile, and in Afghanistan, a withdrawal of U.S. combat forces by 2014 leaves it vulnerable to the kind of civil war that blighted the country in the 1990s and led to a Taliban takeover.

Political problems at home could also cramp Obama's outreach to Asia.

His most immediate domestic challenge is an impending showdown over tackling the national debt that economists say could send the world's biggest economy back into recession.

Even before Obama gets to his second inaugural on Jan. 20, he must reach a budget deal with Republicans to prevent a combination of automatic tax increases and steep across-the-board spending cuts—dubbed a "fiscal cliff"—set to take effect in January.

That would entail nearly $500 billion in defense spending cuts over a decade that could undermine plans to devote more military assets to the Asia-Pacific, where the increased capabilities of Chinese forces pose a growing challenge to U.S. pre-eminence in the region.

China is already acting with growing assertiveness in the seas of East Asia.

Its territorial dispute over islands administered by U.S. treaty ally Japan could trigger a military confrontation between Asia's two biggest economies. This year, China has already faced down the Philippines over sovereignty of a reef in the South China Sea, where the competition among China and its neighbors for fish and potential underwater oil and gas reserves could also sow seeds of conflict.

Two years ago, Clinton announced the U.S. national interest in the peaceful resolution of South China Sea. That step irked Beijing, and managing those diplomatic tensions will be of growing importance in the second term. Washington supports efforts by Southeast Asian nations to negotiate collectively with China on the disputes, but China remains reluctant to play ball.

A strident nationalistic tone in China's state rhetoric in its dispute with Japan has fueled concerns that the Communist Party could increasingly resort to such patriotic appeals if China's juggernaut economy slows and public dissatisfaction with the party grows further.

Strong quake strikes Myanmar; at least 5 killed

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—A strong earthquake struck northern Myanmar on Sunday, with local media reporting that five people were killed. Scattered damage and injuries also were reported in areas close to the quake's epicenter.

According to news reports, the most significant damage appeared to be the collapsing of bridge under construction across the Irrawaddy River in the town of Shwebo, the location of the quake's epicenter. The website of Weekly Eleven magazine said five people were killed when the bridge, which was 80 percent built, collapsed.

"This is the worst earthquake I felt in my entire life," said Soe Soe, a 52-year-old Shwebo resident.

According to Soe Soe, the huge concrete gate of a monastery collapsed and several sculptures from another pagoda were damaged in the town. Other damage was reported in Mogok, a major gem-mining area just east of the quake's epicenter. Temples were damaged there, as were some abandoned ruby mines hit by landslides, Sein Win, a resident, said by phone.

A resident in the capital, Naypyitaw, said several window panes of the parliament building had broken.

An official from the Meteorological Department in Naypyitaw said the magnitude-6.8 quake struck at 7:42 a.m. local time. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information to the media.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported the quake's magnitude as 6.6 with a depth of just 10 kilometers (6 miles).

There were no reports of casualties or major damage in Myanmar's second-largest city, Mandalay, which is about 117 kilometers (72 miles) south of the epicenter and the region's only major population center.

Mandalay residents contacted by phone said the quake was strong enough to send people dashing out of their homes for safety, as water splashed out of jars and tanks. They said they saw no major structural damage in their immediate neighborhoods, but added that it did cause cracks in some walls.

The epicenter of the quake is in a region frequently hit by small temblors that usually cause little damage.

The quake was felt in Bangkok, the capital of neighboring Thailand. It comes just a week ahead of a scheduled visit to Myanmar by President Barack Obama. He will be the first U.S. president to visit the one-time pariah nation, which is emerging from decades of military rule.

China says 18-year-old Tibetan self-immolates

BEIJING (AP)—An 18-year-old Tibetan villager died after setting himself on fire in northwest China in the latest of a half-dozen such self-immolations reported during the past week as the country's communist leadership undergoes a once-a-decade transfer of power.

A short report from the state-run Xinhua News Agency did not offer a reason why the man self-immolated Saturday, but dozens of ethnic Tibetans have set themselves on fire in heavily Tibetan regions over more than a year and a half to protest Chinese rule.

Overseas groups that report on most of the self-immolations had said at least five ethnic Tibetans set themselves on fire earlier in the week in protests aimed as a signal to the Communist Party elite as they meet in Beijing in a pivotal, weeklong congress that opened Thursday.

On Friday, hundreds of Tibetans, mostly high school students, demonstrated in a town that sits at the edge of the Tibetan plateau in western Qinghai province, calling for Tibetan independence and the return from exile of their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

Saturday's immolation took place in the afternoon in front of a monastery in the city of Hezuo in the Tibetan autonomous prefecture of Gannan, Xinhua said, citing provincial government sources.

The man has been identified as Gonpo Tsering from the city's Lexiu township and further investigations are under way, Xinhua said.

Overseas activist groups had no immediate information on Saturday's incident, and police in Hezuo declined to comment. Calls to Hezuo's city government and to authorities and police in Gannan prefecture rang unanswered Sunday.

In Beijing on Friday, Tibetan Communist Party officials attending the party congress told reporters they believed much of the blame for the spate of self-immolations fell on the Dalai Lama and his associates, whom they said were instigating the protests.

ASIAN BRIEFS

5 dead, 100 injured in Myanmar train blast

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Authorities said Saturday that casualties from a fiery train accident had reached 25 dead and almost 100 injured. The report raised the number of injured after a carriage full of fuel burst into flames. State television had said Friday that 64 people were injured in an explosion and fire after dozens of people rushed to skim fuel from a derailed tanker train's overturned carriages. An official from the Myanma Railways department said Saturday that engineers are trying to clear the track to resume rail service after Friday morning's accident near Kantbalu, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) north of Yangon. He also said the injury toll had increased to 93. The train was travelling from Yangon to the Kachin state capital of Myitkyina. The official refused to give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

27 inmates killed in Sri Lanka prison shootout

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—A shootout between rioting prisoners and security forces at a prison in Sri Lanka's capital killed at least 27 inmates, while police said Saturday that they arrested five prisoners who had managed to escape and were searching for others. Another 42 people were wounded in the clashes Friday between inmates and army and police commandos that broke out after the rioting prisoners broke into the armory and briefly took control of at least part of the Welikada prison in Colombo. The situation at the prison had returned to normal by Saturday morning. "The prison is now totally under our control," said Sri Lanka's Commissioner General of Prisons P.W. Kodippili.

Prince Charles, Camilla begin tour of New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, have visited an Auckland war museum and greeted indigenous Maori at the start of their tour of New Zealand. The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall landed in Auckland on Saturday night and toured the city Sunday. The couple are visiting for six days on the last leg of their Pacific tour marking Queen Elizabeth II's 60th Jubilee. Hundreds of people gathered at the Auckland War Memorial Museum to watch Charles lay a wreath to commemorate Armistice Day, which marks the 1918 end of World War I. Charles said "Kia ora," a traditional Maori greeting. Camilla's brimmed hat made it a little difficult for her to complete a "hongi," another traditional greeting in which two people press noses, but she managed.

World

Syria's opposition urges West to send rebels arms

DOHA, Qatar (AP)—The newly elected leader of Syria's main opposition group slammed the international community for what he called inaction, saying Saturday that fighters are in desperate need of weapons to break the stalemate with President Bashar Assad's forces.

George Sabra's comments came as his Syrian National Council struggled with other opposition groups to try to forge a cohesive and more representative leadership as rebels step up attacks against regime forces.

Two suicide car bombers struck a military camp in the southern city of Daraa on Saturday, killing at least 20 government soldiers and prompting clashes in the area, activists said.

Bombings targeting state security institutions have become frequent in recent months, raising Western fears that extremists fighting with the rebels could gain influence. That's one of the reasons the rebels' foreign backers are wary of providing weapons.

The United States also has become increasingly frustrated with the opposition's inability to overcome deep divisions and rivalries in order to present a single conduit for foreign support.

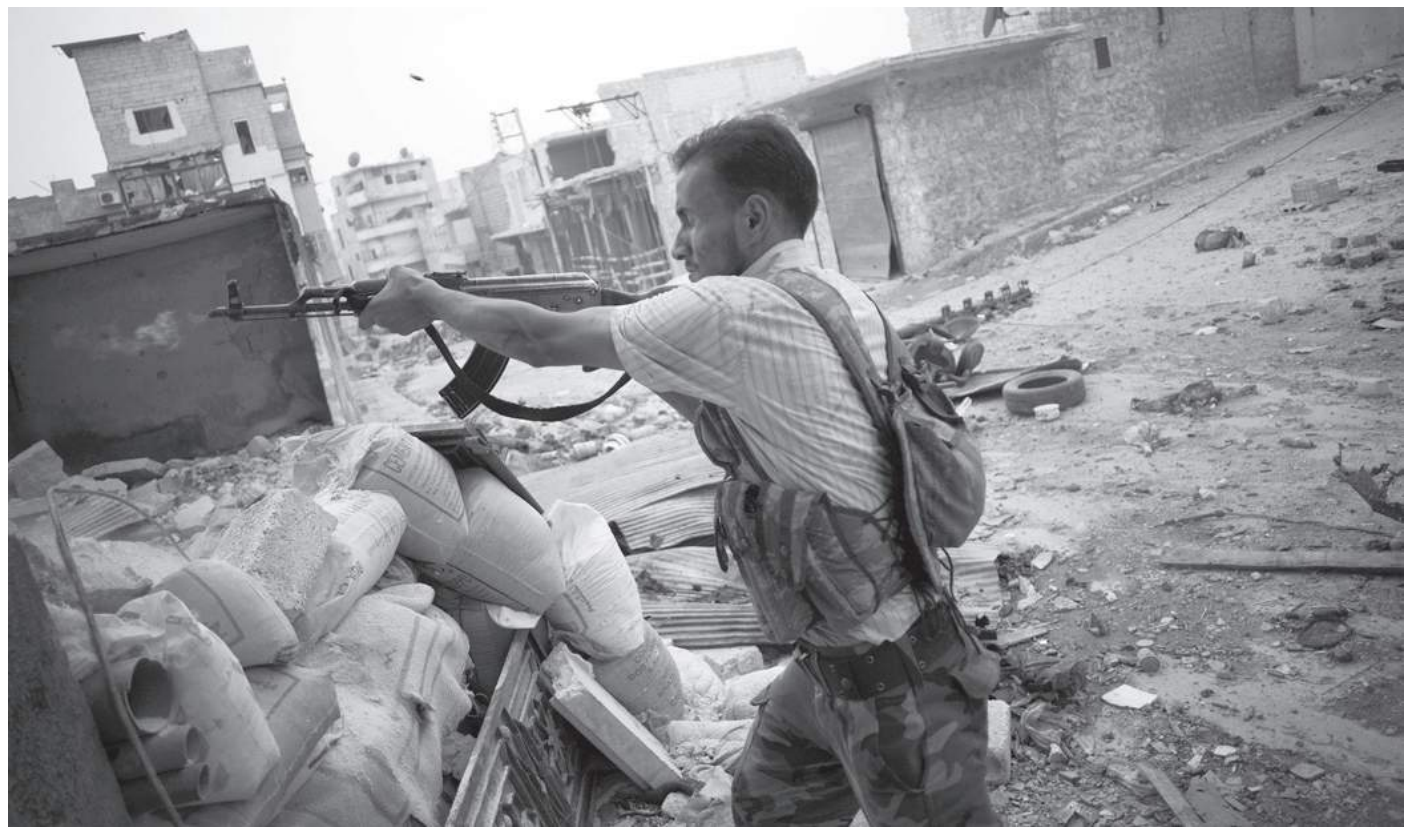
U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton harshly criticized the SNC late last month and called for a leadership that can rally wider support among activists fighting the regime on the ground.

Sabra, who was elected by the SNC on Friday, said the international community should support the opposition and send arms without conditions, rather than linking aid to an overhaul of the leadership.

The Syrian opposition may have many foreign friends, he told The Associated Press in an interview, "but unfortunately we get nothing from them, except some statements, some encouragement." The regime "has few friends, but these friends give the regime everything," he added, referring to Assad allies Russia, China and Iran.

Sabra, 65, headed the SNC delegation Saturday in talks in the Qatari capital of Doha on a Western-backed proposal that would give the group only about one-third of 60 seats on a leadership panel to make room for more activists from inside Syria, including those fighting on the front lines.

The outcome of the talks will be crucial not just for the SNC, widely seen as out of touch with activists on the ground in Syria, but for the future of the entire opposition. Without unity among opposition groups, the international community is unlikely to step up aid.



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In this Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 file photo, a Free Syrian Army fighter shoots his machine gun towards Syrian Army positions in the Amriya district of Aleppo, Syria.

Sabra, a Christian and a veteran left-wing dissident who was repeatedly imprisoned by the regime, said the SNC agrees that unity is important but suggested his group would not accept a deal that could lead to its demise.

The choice of a Christian to lead the SNC could help counter Western concerns about the influence of Islamists in the group. A senior Brotherhood figure, Mohammed Farouk Taifour, was chosen as Sabra's deputy.

But analysts said Sabra's election was unlikely to significantly change the situation.

"I don't think his election will do anything to persuade the detractors of the SNC that it has become more attractive and democratic," said Salman Shaikh, the director of the Brookings Doha Center. Sabra is an SNC insider, and "his election is part of continuity, not change," he added.

Senior SNC members portrayed Saturday's meeting as the beginning of what could be days of negotiations over the size and mission of any leadership group. Other opposition delegates said an agreement on the new body is imminent.

Riad Seif, another veteran dissident who presented the reform plan, has said the new group would be recognized as the sole legitimate representative of the Syrian people and would receive billions of dollars in aid.

Sabra said he and the 66-year-old Seif are old friends and even shared a jail cell when both were rounded up after the March 2011 outbreak of the uprising against the regime. "The problem is with the initiative itself," he said of Seif's plan, arguing that it's too vague.

Vatican digs in after gay marriage advances

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican is digging in after gay marriage initiatives scored big wins this week in the U.S. and Europe, vowing to never stop insisting that marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

In a front-page article in Saturday's Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, the Holy See sought to frame itself as the lone voice of courage in opposing initiatives to give same-sex couples legal recognition. In a separate Vatican Radio editorial, the pope's spokesman asked sarcastically why gay marriage proponents don't now push for legal recognition for polygamous couples as well.

Catholic teaching holds that homosexuals should be respected and treated with dignity but that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered." The Vatican also opposes same-sex marriage, insisting on the sanctity of marriage between a man and woman as the foundation for society.

The Vatican's anti-gay marriage media blitz came after three U.S. states approved same-sex marriage by popular vote in the election that returned Barack Obama to the U.S. presidency, Spain upheld its gay marriage law, and France pushed ahead with legislation that could see gay marriage legalized early next year.

"One might say the church, at least on this front, has been defeated," L'Osservatore Romano wrote. "But that's not the case."

The article insisted that Catholics were putting up a valiant fight to uphold church teaching in the face of "politically correct ideologies invading every culture of the world" that are backed by institutions like the United Nations, which last year passed a non-binding resolution condemning anti-gay discrimination.

"The church is called to present itself as the lone critic of modernity, the only check ... to the breakup of the anthropological structures on which human society was founded," it said.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi, for his part, said gays can have their rights protected by means other than through legal marital recognition. He stressed that children should have a right to say they have a father and a mother.

"If not, then why not contemplate freely chosen polygamy, and naturally so as to not discriminate, polyandry?" he asked sarcastically. Polyandry is when a woman has two or more husbands.

BBC chief quits after saying TV report was wrong

LONDON (AP)—The BBC's top executive resigned Saturday night after the prestigious broadcaster's marquee news magazine wrongly implicated a British politician in a child sex-abuse scandal, deepening the crisis that exploded after it decided not to air similar allegations against one of its own stars who police now say was one of the nation's worst pedophiles.

In a brief statement outside BBC headquarters, George Entwistle said he decided to do the "honorable thing" and step down after just eight weeks in the job.

"The wholly exceptional events of the past few weeks have led me to conclude that the BBC should appoint a new leader," he said.

It was a rapid about-face for Entwistle, a 23-year BBC veteran who earlier Saturday had insisted he had no plans to resign despite growing questions about his leadership and the BBC's integrity in the wake of the scandals.

Lawmaker John Whittingdale, who chairs a parliamentary committee on the news media, said Entwistle had no choice but to go, as the BBC's management appears to have "lost their grip" on the publicly funded organization.

"I think that what has happened in the last few days has immensely weakened his authority and credibility," Whittingdale said. "It would have been very difficult for him to continue in those circumstances."

The scandal comes at a sensitive time for Britain's media establishment, struggling to recover from an ongoing phone-hacking scandal which brought down the nation's best-selling Sunday newspaper, led to the arrests of dozens of journalists and prompted a judge-led inquiry into journalistic ethics and the ties between politics and the news media.

Kevin Marsh, a former senior editor of the BBC, said the resignation does little to re-establish public trust in the BBC, which is funded mainly by a tax on U.K. households that have televisions.

"The BBC asks the British public to pay its bills every year, and the only way it can do that is if the British public trusts the way it is spending its money," he said. Entwistle took over as head of the BBC two months ago from Mark Thompson, who will become chief executive of The New York Times Co. this month. The broadcaster was emerging from a difficult period marked by budget cuts, job losses and mounting calls to justify its 3.5 billion pound ($5.6 billion) budget.

WORLD BRIEFS

Four killed in Egypt train collision

CAIRO (AP)—Two trains traveling south of the Egyptian capital collided on Saturday, killing at least four people, officials said. An error from the switch operator is believed to have caused the accident, security officials said. The two trains, one coming from Cairo and another from the south, were traveling between two villages near Fayyoum, an oasis province 100 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Cairo. The Health Ministry said in comments published by the state news agency that four people were killed and 30 injured. Earlier, security officials said five were killed. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media. Transport Minister Mohammed el-Meteeni told Misr 25 TV, a channel affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood group, that twelve people were still hospitalized and 18 others were discharged. He said he was heading to the area to inspect the site.

Calls for inquest into reported Iran blogger death

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—A prominent press freedom group has joined the U.S. State Department to demand Iran conduct a full investigation into the reported death of a jailed blogger. Iranian opposition websites this week claimed that Sattar Beheshti died from severe abuses after his arrest last month. Iranian officials have made no comment, but the reports brought calls for a full-scale Iranian probe Friday from State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said Saturday that Iranian authorities must release full details of the "suspicious death" of the 35-year-old blogger, whose posts were highly critical of the Iranian leadership. Dozens of bloggers and journalists have been arrested amid widespread crackdowns in Iran in recent years.

Focus

India wages hi-tech war on ancient TB scourge

NEW DELHI (AP)—Shammo Khan walks into a dusty courtyard that reeks of garbage, searching for the fingerprint of a man exhausted by HIV, drug withdrawal and the tuberculosis lesions hijacking his lungs.

She opens her laptop on his rope bed, prods the emaciated man to log in on a fingerprint reader and watches him slowly and painfully swallow a handful of TB drugs in an experimental program harnessing new technology to combat an ancient killer still ravaging India.

Private companies, aid groups and the government have embarked on a flurry of innovation to modernize India's archaic anti-tuberculosis campaign and fight the spread of frightening new drug-resistant strains threatening to cause a public health nightmare.

The government is replacing its haphazard paper system of registering TB patients with a Web-based database that theoretically could track every dose of medicine given to patients—and send them text messages when they miss one.

New tests powered by computer chips are being rolled out that can quickly identify drug-resistant patients so they can be given the proper treatment with a longer course of different medicines. And Operation ASHA, an independent health group, is using its fingerprint verification program to ensure patients take their full course of medicine to prevent the disease from mutating into a stronger strain.

"There's more innovation in the last year than in the prior decade in TB control," says Peter Small, a tuberculosis expert at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation offices in India.

In addition, the government is proposing to quadruple tuberculosis funding, is expanding its lab network and has ordered doctors for the first time to report all new TB cases.

Tackling a disease that kills 300,000 people a year in a country of 1.2 billion required a concerted effort from everyone involved, said Ashok Kumar, the government's TB czar.

"There cannot be one single solution. There have to be buckets of solutions," he said.

India is struggling with more than a quarter of the world's new tuberculosis cases and has become an epicenter of new drug-resistant strains. Last year, doctors in Mumbai reported 12 cases of TB that had mutated into a nearly untreatable strain because of mistreatment and missed doses.

Despite the array of new tools, Zarir Udwadia, a Mumbai doctor who uncovered some of those mutant strains, said he remained pessimistic about India's ability to conquer drug-resistant tuberculosis. He doubted the government could exercise enough control over a health system where quacks with no training treat TB patients, and pharmacists routinely give out antibiotics without prescriptions.

AP

In this Friday, Oct. 19, 2012 picture, tuberculosis patient Kallu, 36, who also suffers from HIV, gives his fingerprint as part of a verification program to Operation ASHA program counselor Shammo Khan as he sits on a bed in the courtyard of a relative's home in New Delhi, India.

Operation ASHA is working to prevent the creation of more new strains by fortifying the centerpiece of India's traditional anti-TB campaign, a program that pays counselors and private groups to verify patients are taking their medicine.

Many patients resist the drugs' harsh side effects. They fall through the cracks by moving before their treatment is done or stop once they feel better.

Counselors only get paid for those who complete the standard six-month course of treatment, giving them an incentive to lie when patients drop out. Government statistics provided by the counselors show only 6 percent of patients don't finish treatment. Independent studies show defaults ranging from 15 percent to 33 percent. Some patients diagnosed with TB never start treatment in the first place.

"There is no transparency, no accountability in the work they are doing. There is no one to verify what they are doing," said Shelly Batra, president of Operation ASHA.

To make sure counselors do their jobs, her group joined Microsoft Research and the nonprofit Innovators in Health to develop a program that uses cheap fingerprint readers to ensure patients actually meet with the counselors to take their medicine.

"Health data can be fudged," Batra said. "A fingerprint can't be fudged."

From the porch of a tailor shop in a southern New Delhi slum, Shammo Khan was running one of the 35 Operation ASHA centers using fingerprint-monitoring in the capital and two other cities.

Children, the elderly and hip, young men logged in by pressing their fingers onto the glass of a print reader connected to a handheld computer. Khan, 22, then handed them their medicine and watched them wash it down.

She checked the computer throughout her shift to see who had yet to come, and at the end of each day got an automatic text message telling her whom to chase down. She made house calls to the bedridden, such as the HIV patient.

Ravi Kumar, 28, said it was difficult as a wedding photographer with irregular hours to make it to the clinic, but the fingerprint reader kept him honest.

"If this would not have been here, I'd have sent someone else to take the medicine," he said, pointing at his little brother.

Most patients only need to be caught once. Others need a few lectures on the risks they are taking.

"I keep explaining. I tell everybody that if you miss doses you will have to get injections, instead of six months it will be two years (of treatment), instead of a handful of medicines it can be 12," Khan said.

A few still don't listen.

Rahul Kumar, 19, said he stopped showing up at counselor Neema Mehta's clinic down a narrow lane outside a colony of garbage sorters because he couldn't tolerate the drugs, which can cause nausea and headaches. When Mehta called him, he shut off his phone. When she went to his home, he wasn't there. Mehta called her supervisor, who begged Kumar's parents to send him back. Still he didn't come. Then he went back to his family's village.

In August, after missing sporadic doses over his first four months of intensive treatment, he finally returned, saying he could now deal with the easier-to-bear maintenance phase of the treatment. It's not clear if his spotty compliance created a mutated strain.

Even so, Batra said fingerprinting has lowered her default rate to 1.5 percent. Now she wants to replace the computers with smartphones.

"We have to go the extra mile, we have to find the foolproof method," she said.

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, which is MIT-affiliated, is studying the program and if it can confirm its results it will encourage the government to expand it to India's 640,000 other tuberculosis counselors, said Chand Tulal Mazumdar, a research associate with the lab.

The government is already deep into its own tech overhaul.

Ashok Kumar, who took over India's tuberculosis program last year, is working to transfer a haphazard system of cardboard charts and booklets to a new database that would enable the government to track each of its 1.5 million patients.

The database will have details of the patient, the counselor and the treatment, down to the last dose taken, Kumar said. It will take advantage of the 900 million cellphones in the country; If patients miss a day, the database will send them a text message, he said. When patients move—which often interrupts or ends their treatment—they can be electronically transferred to a new center.

The program can automatically send medicine to health centers running low and streamline payments to counselors who now complain they are getting paid two years late.

Kumar hopes to use the system to monitor treatment given by private doctors, whose poor care is contributing to drug resistance.

"Many times they are not giving the right dose, they are not giving complete treatment, they are not following the patient," he said.

Kumar is more cautious in modernizing the government's 13,000 testing centers, where technicians with microscopes use a TB test first developed in the 19th century that only catches about half the cases and can't determine if they are drug resistant. Kumar has bought 46 GeneXperts that use new technology to detect TB in less than two hours and also test for resistance to an important anti-TB drug. But the machines are expensive and won't work in India's summer heat or its routine power outages.

BigTec, in the southern city of Bangalore, is working to overcome those problems

Director Chandrasekhar Nair said his team developed a handheld, battery-operated machine that works in high temperatures and would allow minimally trained health workers to give a TB test in even India's most remote villages.

"Our device is basically something that you can put in a backpack and go around," Nair said.

The Truelab Micro PCR System uses a computer chip to run a TB test in under an hour. Another chip can test for drug sensitivity, he said.

The World Health Organization cautions it has yet to endorse the test and is awaiting further studies, and the $12 per test—double that if the drug sensitivity is run as well—is outside the government's price range. Nair said he hoped to bring down the cost.

Nevertheless, public health experts say the device could stand as testament to the type of innovation India can bring to major health problems of the developing world.

"It's a very promising technology," said Dr. Ken Simiyu, a program officer with Grand Challenges Canada, a Canadian government-funded group that gave the project a $1.3 million grant.

If Indian health experts can make full use of all this new technology, "they can really turn the tide," said Small, the TB expert at the Gates Foundation. "And if they don't, it's scary."

Health & Fitness

Study: Looking old may be a sign of heart risks

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Want a clue to your risk of heart disease? Look in the mirror. People who look old—with receding hairlines, bald heads, creases near their ear lobes or bumpy deposits on their eyelids—have a greater chance of developing of heart disease than younger-looking people the same age do, new research suggests.

Doctors say the study highlights the difference between biological and chronological age.

"Looking old for your age marks poor cardiovascular health," said Dr. Anne Tybjaerg-Hansen of the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

She led the study and gave results Tuesday at an American Heart Association conference in Los Angeles.

A small consolation: Wrinkles elsewhere on the face and gray hair seemed just ordinary consequences of aging and did not correlate with heart risks.

The research involved 11,000 Danish people and began in 1976. At the start, the participants were 40 and older. Researchers documented their appearance, tallying crow's feet, wrinkles and other signs of age.

In the next 35 years, 3,400 participants developed heart disease (clogged arteries) and 1,700 suffered a heart attack.

The risk of these problems increased with each additional sign of aging present at the start of the study. This was true at all ages and among men and women, even after taking into account other factors such as family history of heart disease.

Those with three to four of these aging signs—receding hairline at the temples, baldness at the crown of the head, earlobe creases or yellowish fatty deposits around the eyelids—had a 57 percent greater risk for heart attack and a 39 percent greater risk for heart disease compared to people with none of these signs.

Having yellowish eyelid bumps, which could be signs of cholesterol buildup, conferred the most risk, researchers found. Baldness in men has been tied to heart risk before, possibly related to testosterone levels. They could only guess why earlobe creases might raise risk.

Dr. Kathy Magliato, a heart surgeon at St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica, Calif., said doctors need to pay more attention to signs literally staring them in the face.

"We're so rushed to put on a blood pressure cuff or put a stethoscope on the chest" that obvious, visible signs of risk are missed, she said.

Stem cells from strangers can repair hearts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Researchers are reporting a key advance in using stem cells to repair hearts damaged by heart attacks. In a study, stem cells donated by strangers proved as safe and effective as patients' own cells for helping restore heart tissue.

The work involved just 30 patients in Miami and Baltimore, but it proves the concept that anyone's cells can be used to treat such cases. Doctors are excited because this suggests that stem cells could be banked for off-the-shelf use after heart attacks, just as blood is kept on hand now.

Results were discussed Monday at an American Heart Association conference in California and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study used a specific type of stem cells from bone marrow that researchers believed would not be rejected by recipients. Unlike other cells, these lack a key feature on their surface that makes the immune system see them as foreign tissue and attack them, explained the study's leader, Dr. Joshua Hare of the University of Miami.

The patients in the study had suffered heart attacks years earlier, some as long as 30 years ago. All had developed heart failure because the scar tissue from the heart attack had weakened their hearts so much that they grew large and flabby, unable to pump blood effectively.

Researchers advertised for people to supply marrow, which is removed using a needle into a hip bone. The cells were taken from the marrow and amplified for about a month in a lab at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University, then returned to Miami to be used for treatment, which did not involve surgery.

AP
In this Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012 photo provided by the University of Miami, Dr. Joshua M. Hare, director of the Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute, performs a heart biopsy, a preliminary step in one of several cardiac stem cell trials at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

The cells were delivered through a tube pushed through a groin artery into the heart near the scarred area. Fifteen patients were given cells from their own marrow and 15 others, cells from strangers.

About a year later, scar tissue had been reduced by about one-third. Both groups had improvements in how far they could walk and in quality of life. There was no significant difference in one measure of how well their hearts were able to pump blood, but doctors hope these patients will continue to improve over time, or that refinements in treatment will lead to better results.

The big attraction is being able to use cells supplied by others, with no blood or tissue matching needed.

Malaria vaccine a letdown for infants

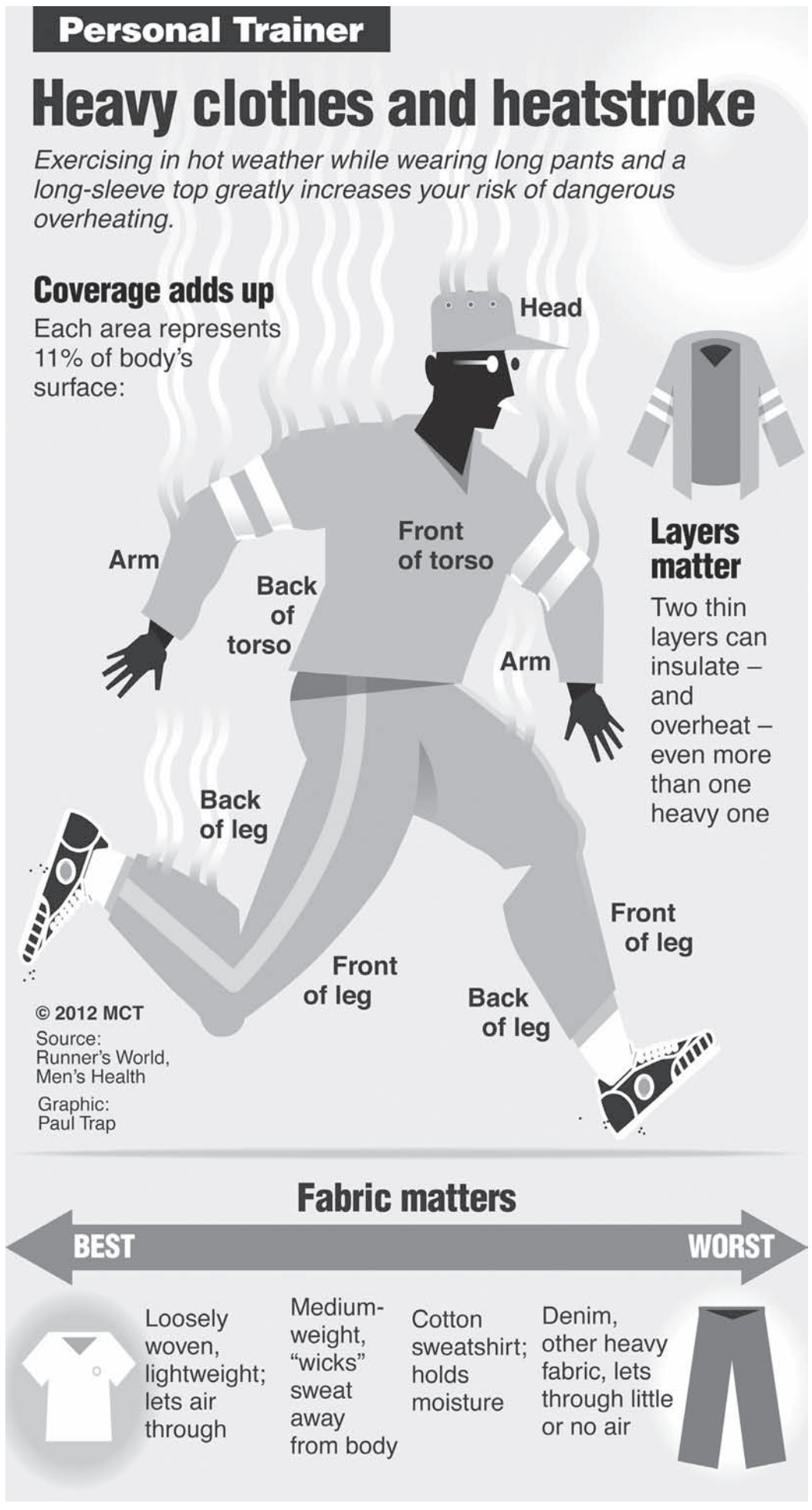
LONDON (AP)—An experimental malaria vaccine once thought promising is turning out to be a disappointment, with a new study showing it is only about 30 percent effective at protecting infants from the killer disease.

That is a significant drop from a study last year done in slightly older children, which suggested the vaccine cut the malaria risk by about half—though that is still far below the protection provided from most vaccines. According to details released on Friday, the three-shot regimen reduced malaria cases by about 30 percent in infants aged 6 to 12 weeks, the target age for immunization.

Dr. Jennifer Cohn, a medical coordinator at Doctors Without Borders, described the vaccine's protection levels as "unacceptably low." She was not linked to the study.

Scientists have been working for decades to develop a malaria vaccine, a complicated endeavor since the disease is caused by five different species of parasites. There has never been an effective vaccine against a parasite. Worldwide, there are several dozen malaria vaccine candidates being researched.

In 2006, a group of experts led by the World Health Organization said a malaria vaccine should cut the risk of severe disease and death by at least half and should last longer than one year. Malaria is spread by mosquitoes and kills more than 650,000 people every year, mostly young children and pregnant women in Africa. Without a vaccine, officials have focused on distributing insecticide-treated bed nets, spraying homes with pesticides and ensuring access to good medicines.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Life & Style

Hasselhoff hopes for retro 'Knight Rider' film

By ALICIA RANCILIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—David Hasselhoff still feels a connection with the younger generation, even though his popular TV series "Baywatch" has been off the air for more than a decade.

"When Justin Bieber comes up and goes, 'Hoff!' and then Selena Gomez says, 'It's so weird he loves you,' it's great. It just means that you're hip and it's cool," the 60-year-old actor said in a recent interview.

"Baywatch" aired from 1989 to 2000. Hasselhoff also starred in the TV series "Knight Rider," which aired from 1982 to 1986.

To stay part of the conversation, Hasselhoff keeps busy and is always working. He stars in a Lifetime movie "The Christmas Consultant," opposite Caroline Rhea, that airs Saturday (8 p.m. EST). He will tweet backstage for MTV at Sunday's European Music Awards and play Captain Hook in a Peter Pan pantomime in December in Manchester, England.

Hasselhoff talks about his various projects, his famous name and his hopes for a retro "Knight Rider" movie.

AP: Would you ever want to do a full-time TV series again?

Hasselhoff: It depends what the series would be. I've been approached by some dear friends who run 'The Office' and 'Ugly Betty' about doing a sitcom, being a part of an ensemble. I'd love to do that. I'd love to bring back more than anything kind of like 'Murder She Wrote,' or there's a great show in the U.K. called 'Lovejoy,' or 'Hart to Hart.' Some shows that have got some fun, (a) little tongue-and-cheek like Cary Grant, and play my age but still know that secretly (the character) is livin' hard, livin' fast and lovin' it because that's kind of where I'm at in my life.

AP: You can act, sing, perform on the stage and judge talent competitions. Why do you like variety?

Hasselhoff: I embrace everything. All I want to do is be onstage. A performer needs to perform. You need to work. I think that's why I've lasted so long. I grew up watching 'The Carol Burnett Show.' ... People are now beginning to see that I do variety. I do sing. I did do Broadway and the West End.

AP: I'm sure you get a ton of offers. What do you say "no" to?

Hasselhoff: I say 'no' to things that I can't laugh with where they're laughing at me and they're trying to do something that is a little bit over-the-edge. ... If you don't respect me you're not gonna get that respect back.

AP: Does it ever amaze you how your last name is so popular?

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American actor, singer and producer David Hasselhoff poses for a portrait, on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 in New York.

Hasselhoff: I think God has a sense of humor because they wanted me to change it. ... I was going to change it one time to David Michaels, but then I found out there was already a David Michaels. I took so much heat for the name Hasselhoff growing up, I'm gonna keep this name because I was proud of my parents. It's kind of pathetic because Hasselhoff has turned into The Hoff and The Hoff is keeping Hasselhoff out of work but The Hoff's paying the bills so I welcome The Hoff.

AP: There's a "Knight Rider" movie in development. What can you say about it?

Hasselhoff: If you make the 'Knight Rider' movie and you don't make it retro and you don't appeal to all the people that love the show, that grew up with it. ... If you don't, it's not gonna be 'Knight Rider.' It will probably be a hit because 'Knight Rider' is a great title but it won't be 'Knight Rider.' ... It's in the hands of a company and hopefully I'll meet with them and we'll see what direction it's going in.

Miley Cyrus talks music, movie and marriage

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Miley Cyrus is working hard to finish her new album so she can take time off to enjoy being engaged.

The 19-year-old entertainer plans to marry "Hunger Games" star Liam Hemsworth. They announced their engagement in June but haven't revealed their wedding date.

"I am married in my heart and my mind. I do everything that I would be if I had the paper, but I want to take the time to actually enjoy it," Cyrus said.

"My most important thing right now is ... I want people to hear what I want to say and get my record out, so when there is a time that I can take some time off, I'll feel like I accomplished my stuff," she said. "Then I can take a break and just enjoy being married for a little while."

AP
In this Sept. 6, 2012 file photo, Miley Cyrus attends the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

Until then, Cyrus is busy working, promoting her film "So Undercover," due in February, and wrapping up her album, though no title or release date have been announced.

Cyrus says she doesn't stray too far from her country roots on the new record, but the songs are more hip-hop inspired.

"A lot of the beats are produced hip-hop beats," she said, "but the vocal is very raw and my voice is kind of on top of all the tracks, which is what I wanted."

Cyrus said she is working with producer Pharrell Williams and "a lot of hip-hop producers that are actually from the South, because I wanted more of that dirty-South vibe, a little ATL in there."

While she loves performing on camera, music matters most to Cyrus.

Mark Wahlberg to star in next 'Transformers' movie

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mark Wahlberg, roll out.

"Transformers" director Michael Bay says the 41-year-old actor will star in the franchise's fourth film.

Bay called Wahlberg the "perfect guy to re-invigorate the franchise and carry on the Transformers' legacy" in a post on his blog Thursday. He previously squashed rumors that Wahlberg was joining the film franchise about warring robots.

Wahlberg

Bay worked with Wahlberg on his upcoming film, "Pain and Gain."

"Transformers 4" is scheduled to be released by Paramount Pictures on June 27, 2014.

Bay has said the next film will take a new direction in the series. The first three movies starred Shia LaBeouf and featured Peter Cullen as the voice of Autobot general Optimus Prime.

The third "Transformers" film, "Dark of the Moon," was the second highest-grossing film of 2011.

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CORAZON I. BUENPACIFICO-PALANG, Petitioner,	) FCD DI) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 12-0521
versus	)) **SUMMONS**
ALEXANDER B. PALANG, Respondent.	)))

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

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Dated this 30th day of October, 2012

/s/ **Deputy Clerk of Court**
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OF THE
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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. at the CRM Office Located behind the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicle in Susupe.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a) Call to Order
b) Roll Call
II. PERMIT APPLICATION
Kannat Tabla Quarry – CRM Permit no. SMS-2012-X-061
a. Permit Application summary by CRMO
b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
c. Permit Application Status (CRMO/CRM Agencies)
III. OTHER MATTERS
IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

RITA C. CHONG - DELACRUZ
Administrator

As mom to Bond, Dench reflects on her 007 reign

By JAKE COYLE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

AP
This film image released by Sony Pictures shows Daniel Craig as James Bond, left, and Judi Dench as MI6 head M, in a scene from the film "Skyfall."

NEW YORK (AP)—Nothing is so much of a boys' club as a James Bond movie. That is, except when Judi Dench is on screen.

As MI6 head M, Dench has been the Bond matriarch: the strong-willed, no-nonsense mainstay of feminine authority in a movie franchise that has, more often than not, featured slightly more superficial womanly traits.

"Skyfall" is Dench's seventh Bond film, an unimpeachable reign that has encompassed both the Daniel Craig and Pierce Brosnan eras of the British spy. For a number of reasons, "Skyfall" is her most notable Bond film. For the first time, Dench isn't just dictating orders from headquarters, but is thrown directly into the action when a former MI6 agent (Javier Bardem) is bent on revenge against her.

"It's very nice to be out from behind the desk," Dench said in a recent interview by phone from London. "It's extremely nice to get a go in the field, as it were, and get a bit of the action. It made me feel very grown-up. It's not just the fellas who are spinning about and shooting guns—I get a go."

As soon as Dench entered the world of Bond, she made it clear she was a force to be reckoned with—certainly not one that some gun-toting playboy would push around. Introducing herself to Bond in 1995's "Goldeneye," the bourbon-drinking M promptly informs Brosnan's Bond that she isn't a "bean-counter," as Bond admits to thinking.

"Good, because I think you're a sexist, misogynist dinosaur," retorts M. "A relic of the Cold War, whose boyish charms, though wasted on me, obviously appealed to the young lady I sent out to evaluate you."

She then states she has "the balls" to send Bond to his death, if need be.

Gulp.

"A man saying that to Bond is one thing, but a woman saying that to him was quite another," says Dench.

Partly because of that scene, Dench considered the role a "cracking" one. She says she didn't then realize the import many would assign to a woman playing M, or the length that her service would turn out to be. Her husband, the late Michael Williams, cheered the decision: "He thought living with a Bond woman was very exciting."

So over seven films and 17 years, the 77-year-old Dench—a revered Shakespearian actress of the British stage and films such as "Notes on a Scandal" and "Shakespeare in Love"—has, like other legendary stage actors from Alec Guinness ("Star Wars") to Ian McKellen ("Lord of the Rings"), become best known to many for a blockbuster movie franchise.

Dench inherited the role of M from Robert Brown, who played the character from 1983's "Octopussy" through 1989's "License to Kill." Bernard Lee—whom Dench calls a hero of hers—initiated Ian Fleming's secret service head, playing him for 11 films, from 1962's "Dr. No" to 1979's "Moonraker." (John Huston and Edward Fox also sat in for M for a film each.)

"Skyfall" director Sam Mendes previously worked with Dench when he was a hotshot 24-year-old director mounting "The Cherry Orchard" in the West End.

"She was the first bona fide great actor I had ever worked with," says Mendes. "I learned more from watching her, the way she worked, than I ever had before. She would never think of herself as a teacher. She has too much humility and too much grace to consider herself to be knowledgeable. But in fact, it wasn't about what she said, it was about how she conducted herself, how she rehearsed, how she thought about the play, her dedication to the play and the audience, her work ethic."

Dench recalls Mendes as "very knowledgeable at the time."

"I remember saying to him, 'Could I possibly try something one way?'" And he said, 'You can but it won't work,'" says Dench. "When my opportunity came in this film, he suggested something to me and I said, 'Well I can do that but it won't work.'"

There is, though, another reason why "Skyfall" is a significant Bond film for Dench, though it's one that needs to be forewarned by frantically waving one's arms and screaming "spoiler alert!"—so proceed reading with caution.

"Skyfall" is Dench's final Bond film. In it, she bequeaths the role to Ralph Fiennes. It has been a hard secret to keep, Dench says, especially to her 15-year-old grandson. Talking too much about it, she warns, and "we'll all be shot at dawn."

"It's 17 years of working with one of the most extraordinary actresses ever," says Bond producer Barbara Broccoli. "She's brought so much dimension to this character. It's very difficult to end that chapter. But it ends with enormous dignity and I think it's one of her finest performances. It's very bittersweet. She will be well-remembered for playing this role."

That this is the end of her run with Bond comes as no relief to Dench.

"Certainly not," she says. "No, certainly not. I could go on for years. Maybe I'll come back as a ghost. Now that would be Shakespearian."

Ashley Judd doesn't rule out run for US Senate

FRANKFORT, Kentucky (AP)—Actress Ashley Judd isn't ruling out a run for U.S. Senate in Kentucky.

The former Kentuckian is an active supporter of Tennessee Democrats. She said in a statement Friday that she's honored to be mentioned as a potential candidate, but she sidestepped the question of whether she would get into the race.

Judd

"I cherish Kentucky, heart and soul, and while I'm very honored by the consideration, we have just finished an election, so let's focus on coming together to keep moving America's families, and especially our kids, forward," she said.

Judd lives in Tennessee and would have to re-establish a residence in Kentucky before she could challenge Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell in his 2014 re-election bid.

No Democrats have stepped forward to challenge McConnell, a political powerhouse who already has $6.8 million in the bank for his re-election.

In 2008, McConnell won re-election to a fifth term and became Kentucky's longest serving senator. McConnell spent some $20 million on his last election, beating Democrat Bruce Lunsford, a wealthy Kentucky businessman, by 6 percentage points.

"Sen. McConnell and his wife are big fans of Ashley Judd's movies and appreciate her energy, especially when it comes to bringing young people into the political process," said McConnell campaign manager Jesse Benton. He held his criticism for those who are pushing her candidacy.

Judd is a regular at University of Kentucky basketball games and the Kentucky Derby and has starred in such movies as "Kiss the Girls," ''Double Jeopardy," ''Where the Heart Is," and "High Crimes." She is married to three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti and is an annual spectator at the race.

Q&A: Ne-Yo on new album, dance music, Tim McGraw

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

NEWYORK (AP)—Ne-Yo knows that dance and electronic music dominate the charts and radio, and he believes some of the lyrics are weak.

"There's dance songs out there with four words in the whole song, and it don't ever matter," he said. "Because it's not about what the words are, it's about the music, the ups and downs in the music ... and then it explodes—that's what that genre of music is about."

But when he approached that sound on his fifth album, "R.E.D.," the 33-year-old Grammy winner said he took the time to craft lyrics that have meaning. He said the best example is "Let Me Love You (Until You Learn to Love Yourself)," his current single and Top 10 Billboard pop hit.

"I told myself if I'm going to do this dance music or electronic or techno or whatever it is, I need to do it from a standpoint of making mine stand out from everybody else's, meaning a Ne-Yo dance record is going to have some kind of depth in the lyrics because the lyrics is who I am," he said.

"R.E.D."—out this week—features more dance-sounding tracks as well as R&B ones. The singer-songwriter, who has multiple hits of his own and has also written smashes for others like Rihanna and Beyonce, talks about the new album, songwriting, collaborating with country star Tim McGraw and being a father in an interview with The Associated Press.

AP: "Let Me Love You" was co-written by Sia and you usually don't write with other people. How did that song come about?

Ne-Yo: I know for a fact that there are incredible songwriters out there, but I just always feel like everything I do comes from a really personal place, and for another songwriter to come in and write a song for me that's going to be as personal as me writing a song for me—I didn't feel like that was possible. But even with that being said, I'm never going to turn down a hit. If somebody's coming at me with a hit, I'm not that dude.

AP: Sia also co-write Rihanna's hit "Diamonds" and she's blowing up.

Ne-Yo: She's getting all this recognition and attention now and she doesn't want to be an artist anymore. ... I don't blame her. Being an artist definitely has its pros and its cons. ... You can walk down the street and have the No. 1 song in the world and nobody bothers you.

Ne-Yo

AP: You have two children, and I wonder how parenthood has changed making music for you.

Ne-Yo: It's changed the way that I write to a degree. I used to pride myself on how fast I can write a song, how many songs I can write in a small amount of time. Now it's definitely quality over quantity. ... It's that now because the better the song the more likely somebody's going to buy it; someone buys it that means I get money and I can take care of my kids.

AP: What was the energy like when you made the new album?

Ne-Yo: There was almost an essence of me needing to prove something. ... My last album didn't perform as well as my previous three, and I felt with this one, I definitely needed to remind me this is what I do.

AP: Since "Libra Scale" didn't do as well, did you approach this album differently?

Ne-Yo: The approach going into "R.E.D." did have a little bit to do with "Libra Scale." In the realm of what "Libra Scale" was, there was a lot of things that I was trying to do that I had never done before and that I didn't take the time to gain the proper knowledge of before I attempted.

AP: That was pretty honest.

Ne-Yo: I am 100 percent the guy that if I know that it was my fault, I'm going to say it's my fault. ... No excuses over here. ... I take full blame, full responsibility.

AP: You're also very honest on "Cracks in Mr. Perfect," where you sing about infidelity. Was that one easy or hard to write?

Ne-Yo: That was the one record I was a little afraid of. People are going to hear this and change the way they view me. ... It was easy because it's things that's always floating in the back of my head anyway. The difficulty came in with the honesty. Like, do I want to be this honest? Do I want to say to somebody, "I'm a man of my word, but only when I'm not lying"?

AP: How did you and Tim McGraw get together?

Ne-Yo: I actually ran into Tim McGraw's manager in London and ... when we played "She Is," I was like, "This is my take on a country song. Hopefully if all goes well, you'll see me performing this at the Country Music Awards with Tim McGraw or somebody." And Tim McGraw's manager happened to be in the audience and he was like, "We can make that happen."

AP: What are your favorite albums of the year?

Ne-Yo: 2 Chainz ... Elle Varner ... I've been singing Lana Del Rey's praises recently. ... Got to throw Frank (Ocean) in there. ... Superbrave cat to do what he did. (Earlier this year, Ocean revealed that his first love was a man.) When I heard about it, I honestly didn't think it was as big of a deal as everybody made (it). ... If you listen to his music, Frank is the kind of cat that's going to do what he wants to do. ... The dude references "Dragon Ball Z" in a R&B song ... so for him to come out and say what he said ... I'm like, "OK, that just makes perfect sense with who he is."

AP source: Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez break up

NEW YORK (AP)—A source confirms to The Associated Press that Justin Bieber is no longer Selena Gomez's "Boyfriend."

The source is not authorized to discuss the split with the press and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The breakup apparently happened last week, and distance and their busy schedules were cited as factors.

The 18-year-old Bieber is touring to promote his latest album, "Believe," which contains the hit "Boyfriend." Gomez, 20, is filming a "Wizards of Waverly Place" reunion for the Disney Channel.

The pair made their relationship public in February 2011.

E! News was the first to report the split.

Bieber seems to be doing OK, at least publicly. On the red carpet of Wednesday's Victoria's Secret fashion show he said, "I'd rather be here than anywhere in the world."

AP

This June 19, 2011 file photo shows Justin Bieber and girlfriend Selena Gomez standing on stage during the 2011 MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto.

'Dancing' co-host Brooke Burke has thyroid cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—"Dancing with the Stars" co-host Brooke Burke says she has thyroid cancer.

Burke

Burke posted a video message Thursday on YouTube disclosing her condition and her plans for surgery to remove her thyroid.

The 41-year-old mother of four says a lump on her thyroid was found during a biopsy.

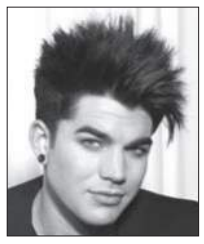
She says in the video that the surgery has been scheduled, but she doesn't specify when. She says it will leave "a nice big scar right here," tracing a line across her throat.

Although initially shocked by the diagnosis, Burke says she now feels strong and confident and her doctors are optimistic. She vows to make "a positive out of this negative thing."

Found in the front of the neck, the thyroid secretes several hormones that influence metabolism, growth and development.

Adam Lambert to host 'VH1 Divas' show

NEW YORK (AP)—"VH1 Divas" will be getting some testosterone this year: Adam Lambert is in.



Lambert

Lambert will host and perform at the Dec. 16 event. Miley Cyrus, Demi Lovato, Kelly Rowland, Jordin Sparks and Ciara will also hit the stage at the special honoring dance music and its current and classic divas.

Tributes to Whitney Houston and Donna Summer are also planned.

Lambert said in a statement Thursday the show will be "the most fabulous concert of the year."

"VH1 Divas" will benefit VH1's Save the Music Foundation.

AP source: Navy SEALs punished for secrets breach

WASHINGTON (AP)—Seven members of the secretive Navy SEAL Team 6, including one involved in the mission to kill Osama bin Laden, have been punished for disclosing classified information, senior Navy officials said Thursday

Four other SEALs are under investigation for similar alleged violations, one official said.

They are alleged to have divulged classified information to the maker of a video game.

Each of the seven received a punitive letter of reprimand and a partial forfeiture of pay for two months. Those actions generally hinder a military member's career.

The deputy commander of Naval Special Warfare Command, Rear Adm. Garry Bonelli, issued a statement acknowledging that nonjudicial punishments had been handed out for misconduct, but he did not offer any details.

"We do not tolerate deviations from the policies that govern who we are and what we do as sailors in the United States Navy," Bonelli said. He alluded to the importance of honoring nondisclosure agreements that SEALs sign.

He said the punishments this week "send a clear message throughout our force that we are and will be held to a high standard of accountability."

The punishments were first reported by CBS News.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

'Twilight' fans fill downtown LA ahead of premiere

LOS ANGELES (AP)—More than 1,500 "Twilight" fans are spending the weekend camping out in downtown Los Angeles to celebrate the release of the final film in the vampire-romance series. Tents filled the street in front of Staples Center and sprawled across L.A. Live plaza Friday, many decorated with homemade posters and photo collages of stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner. Fans came from as far away as England, France and Argentina to bond with their fellow Twi-Hards and have a chance to see the film's cast members in person. The premiere of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 2" will be held Monday at Nokia Theatre and campers who spent the weekend will get to see the stars arrive. The film opens in the U.S. on Nov. 16.

Diaz, Firth in London for 'Gambit' world premiere

LONDON (AP)—In the trailer for their new movie "Gambit," Britain's Colin Firth and American co-star Cameron Diaz are shown in various states of undress. But the two say fans shouldn't get the wrong idea—"Gambit" is a caper film, not a love story. Speaking at the comedy's world premiere in London on Wednesday night, Diaz said flesh was only flashed for laughs in the film. Firth agreed. Referring to a scene where he appears without trousers, he said audiences will get "treated" to 20 minutes of his knees, but that's all. Directed by Michael Hoffman, "Gambit" is about private art curator Harry Deane (Firth) who devises a scheme—with the help of a Texas rodeo queen (Diaz)—to con England's richest man into purchasing a fake Monet painting. "Gambit" opens in the U.K. on Nov. 21.

Kenneth Branagh knighted by Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON (AP)—Kenneth Branagh, who has played royalty on stage and screen, has been made a real-life knight by Queen Elizabeth II. The British actor said he was pleased to be honored in the year of the queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. He said that "it's been a hell of a year for the U.K. and I feel very honored to be a tiny part of it." Belfast-born Branagh was knighted at a Buckingham Palace ceremony Friday for services to drama and for his charity work in Northern Ireland. Best known as a Shakespearean actor and as TV detective "Wallander," Branagh joins the pantheon of theatrical knights alongside the late Sir Laurence Olivier—whom Branagh played in "My Week With Marilyn." He has also directed films including "Henry V."

Rachael Ray donates $500,000 to Superstorm pets

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rachael Ray is donating $500,000 to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to help pets and families who are struggling to rebound from the superstorm that ravaged the U.S. northeast. The Emmy-winning chef said Friday that her pet food brand, Nutrish, is also shipping 4 tons of wet and dry dog food for Superstorm Sandy animals, and her Yum-o! organization is donating $100,000 to City Harvest and the Food Bank for New York City. "When you make your living in food, you have to give back in the same way," the host of "Rachael Ray," the syndicated CBS Television show, said. The ASPCA had rescued more than 250 animals and treated or provided supplies to nearly 6,000 in New York City and Long Island.

Sotheby's to sell Mick Jagger's love letters

LONDON (AP)—Handwritten letters from Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger to his former lover Marsha Hunt will be auctioned in London next month. Hunt is an American-born singer who was the inspiration for the Stones' 1971 hit "Brown Sugar" and bore Jagger's first child. Sotheby's said Saturday that Hunt has tasked the auction house with selling 10 letters written from the set of Jagger's film "Ned Kelly," which was shooting in Australia. Hunt said the letters chronicling their "delicate love affair" and secret history touch on subjects such as the first moon landing and John Lennon and Yoko Ono. "When a serious historian finally examines how and why Britain's boy bands affected international culture and politics, this well-preserved collection of Mick Jagger's hand written letters will be a revelation," she said in a statement distributed by the auction house.

Grandparents prepare a home for twins they've never met

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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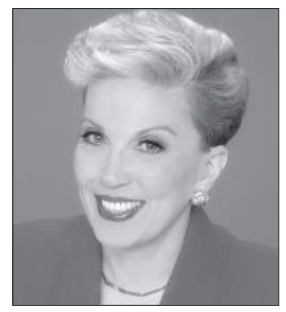

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: In a few months, my husband's 10-year-old twin grandchildren are coming to live with us while their mother serves her time for felony DUI. My husband and I are in our 60s and have never met them before.

We have tried to avoid contact with their mother because the encounters were generally unpleasant. She alternated between being bitter and hateful, and desperately calling for financial help because she's a single mother with four children. She alienated her own mother and it looked like the younger children would wind up with child protective services if we didn't step up and offer a temporary home with us.

The new circumstances will require the four of us to make some big adjustments, but we believe it will enrich our lives, too. My dilemma is what do we tell the kids when they inevitably ask why we have been absent in their lives? I can't bring myself to tell them the truth about the way we feel.

CAUGHT OFF GUARD GRANDMA

DEAR CAUGHT OFF GUARD: Having lived with their mother, your husband's grandchildren probably understand very well the reason for her felony DUI. Be honest and explain to them that you weren't around because their mother didn't make you feel welcome. Then assure them that you have always loved them, that you are here for them now and will be in the future if they would like you to be.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 43 and have been hosting Thanksgiving for 19 years. My mother turned it over to me when I bought my first house because she was tired of doing it.

We always entertain the same group of 12 relatives. I have mentioned doing something different, but no one has enough room or the desire. If I didn't host it, I'm afraid they'd be hurt and have nowhere to go.

How do I break it to them that I am burned out? I would just like to go out to eat and see a movie. Please help.

EXHAUSTED HOSTESS

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Ten days before Thanksgiving is a little late to cancel what has become an annual celebration. However, it would be the perfect time to announce that after 20 years of hosting the gathering, you are burned out. Therefore, those who have enough room should share the responsibility and alternate with you, or all of you should make your own arrangements.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my husband and I decided that when our nieces and nephews turned 18 we would stop giving Christmas gifts. That decision has worked out fine—until my husband's nieces and nephews began turning 18. Now it has become an issue with his side of the family, particularly his mother. She has made it clear through emails that we "have" to buy them gifts.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to start a war over gift-giving, but on the other hand, if we buy for his family, we have to buy for mine. We don't have a lot of disposable income. Please help us find a way to get through this.

GRINCHED IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR GRINCHED: Emails are a wonderful form of communication, but when it comes to a discussion that involves emotion, it's time to use the old-fashioned telephone. You and your husband must call his mother and explain that buying gifts for the nieces and nephews on both sides of the family has become too much for you, which is why you have drawn the line at age 18. The "kids" are old enough to understand the gifts don't come from Santa. And so, for that matter, is your mother-in-law. Shame on her for pressuring you.

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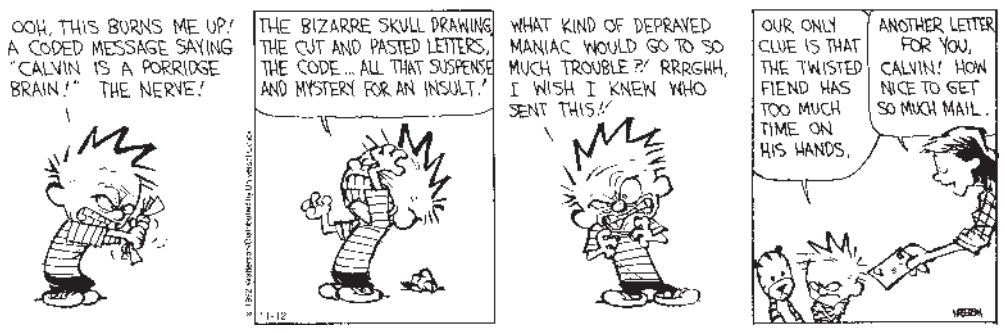
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


OOH, THIS BURNS ME UP! A CODED MESSAGE SAYING "CALVIN IS A PORRIDGE BRAIN!" THE NERVE!
THE BIZARRE SKULL DRAWING, THE CUT AND PASTED LETTERS, THE CODE... ALL THAT SUSPENSE AND MYSTERY FOR AN INSULT.
WHAT KIND OF DEPRAVED MANIAC WOULD GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE?! RRRGHH, I WISH I KNEW WHO SENT THIS!!
OUR ONLY CLUE IS THAT THE TWISTED FIEND HAS TOO MUCH TIME ON HIS HANDS.
ANOTHER LETTER FOR YOU, CALVIN! HOW NICE TO GET SO MUCH MAIL.

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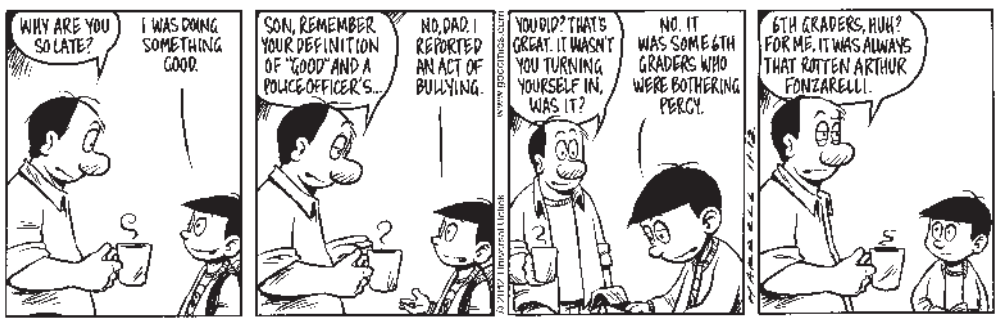
WHY ARE YOU SO LATE?
I WAS DOING SOMETHING GOOD.
SON, REMEMBER YOUR DEFINITION OF "GOOD" AND A POLICE OFFICER'S...
NO, DAD. I REPORTED AN ACT OF BULLYING.
YOU DID? THAT'S GREAT. IT WASN'T YOU TURNING YOURSELF IN, WAS IT?
NO. IT WAS SOME 6TH GRADERS WHO WERE BOTHERING PERCY.
6TH GRADERS, HUH? FOR ME, IT WAS ALWAYS THAT ROTTEN ARTHUR FONZARELLI.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Listen to
5 Aries symbol
8 Clenched hand
12 Part of the foot
13 Clean air org.
14 Division word
15 Stead
16 One walking proudly
18 Mathematician famed for his "last theorem"
20 Lacking vigor
21 Pesky kid
23 "— Town"
24 Criminal in tent?
28 Jump
31 Huge star
32 Mideast nation
34 Hot tub
35 Candle string
37 Go everywhere, as spilled liquid
39 Mouth part
41 Droplet of sorrow
42 Sun-dried brick structures
45 Beast
49 Furry Pacific denizen
51 Corpse
52 Sorts
53 Nightfall, in verse
54 Lotion additive
55 Carp or cod
56 "— Doubtfire"
57 Not as much

DOWN
1 50 percent
2 Great Lake
3 Computer brand
4 Ballroom dance (Var.)
5 Paraphrases
6 Suitable
7 Filly's mom
8 Irregular
9 Account extra
10 Don't dele
11 Ripped
17 Venusian vessel?
19 Bohemian
22 Dangle a carrot
24 Away from NNE
25 On the — vive
26 Removes the cover
27 Brushes up on
29 Gorilla
30 Standard
33 Indian flat bread
36 Put the — on (stop)
38 Clan-related
40 Household pooch, e.g.
42 "Yeah, right!"
43 Sandwich shop
44 Goblet feature
46 Double agent
47 Commotions
48 Caustic solutions
50 Always, to a bard

Solution time: 24 mins.

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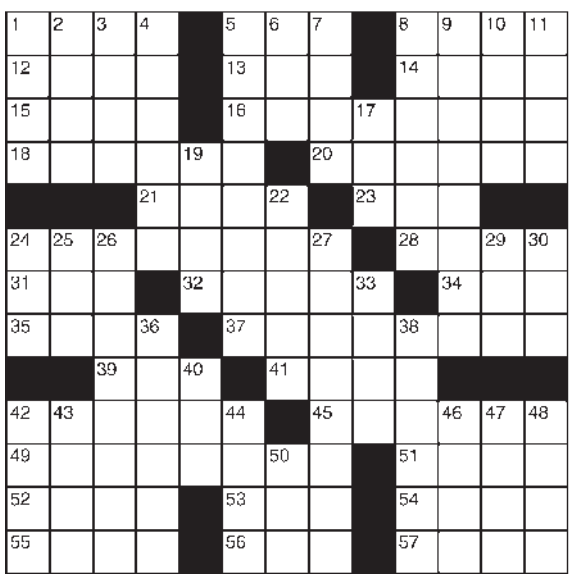
Saturday's answer 11-12



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Happy Birthday: Focus more on what you can do for others. Patience, intuition and using your talents skillfully to market what you have to offer will help you carve a unique place to explore, exchange and excel. Honesty will be the prerequisite to finding happiness. Being evasive will only buy you time. Your numbers are 4, 13, 18, 20, 27, 32, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Set a budget and invest in your skills. Don't let a professional setback stifle your creativity. Consider ways to upgrade what you already have to offer. Relationships look promising, but you'll have to show greater interest to get results. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Listen to complaints and offer solutions. Showing leadership and compassion will help you advance. An unusual connection with someone you meet through work will develop. Remember past experience to avoid repeating a mistake. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Discipline will lead to victory. Someone who has made an impression on you will be a reminder of what you are capable of doing. Size up the situation you are facing with a peer and do your best to sidestep any discord that arises. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Interact with people who have similar beliefs and goals. Work toward self-improvement and using your attributes to move forward. Networking functions will help you realize that you can offer more if you find other outlets for your talents. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Engage in community events or activities. Looking at your domestic situation from a new perspective will help you see what improvements you can make. Someone is likely to be upset with you. Consider how to make amends. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Discuss ideas and see who joins your quest. Make changes to the way you do things that will put an end to ongoing squabbles with people who don't appreciate what you have to offer. Move on to a better place mentally, emotionally and physically. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Readdress the past before you move into the future. Realize what you may have done wrong and make amends quickly. A trusted friend will make a suitable suggestion. Do whatever motivates you to reach your goals. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Nurture and protect what you've been working so hard to achieve. Learn from your mistakes. Remember to reward someone who has stuck by you through thick and thin. An imaginative plan to improve your domestic situation will pay off. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Implement change that will improve your life. Keep busy with physical jobs that take your mind off matters that are upsetting or cause anger. You can win in the end, but only if you recognize what has transpired. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Focus on work, money and posturing. Striving to reach a pinnacle personally or professionally can be achieved if you focus on your strengths. Balance your past and present by being as honest and open as possible and you will avoid guilt. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't make a commitment. You are likely to change your mind once you have all the facts. Do your research and stick to your own means and methods of doing things. Love is highlighted. Focus on time spent with someone special. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Contracts, settlements and investments look promising. Honesty will be the determining factor when it comes to how far you will go and what you will achieve. You may have to reconsider what really happened in the past before you can move forward. ✪✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 11/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/09

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

FINALLY, THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER **Solution: 8 letters**

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Harden leads Rockets to win over Pistons

HOUSTON (AP)—James Harden scored 20 points, Omer Asik had 14 and the Houston Rockets beat the winless Detroit Pistons 96-82 on Saturday night in their first game without coach Kevin McHale.

The team announced earlier Saturday that McHale was taking an immediate leave of absence to deal with a family matter. Assistant Kelvin Sampson took over, and said before the game he hoped the team would come together to win for McHale.

The Rockets did just that, using a third-quarter run to build a big lead and break a three-game losing streak with their first victory at home.

The Pistons fell to 0-7. Brandon Knight scored 16 points, and Greg Monroe added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Marcus Morris added 12 points for Houston and Toney Douglas had 11. Jeremy Lin helped out with seven points, eight assists and four rebounds.

AP

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives to the basket against Detroit Pistons center Greg Monroe (10) duringg the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012, in Detroit.

Bobcats 101, Mavericks 97, OT

In Charlotte, North Carolina, rookie Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had a career-high 25 points and 12 rebounds to help the Bobcats snap a 16-game losing streak against the Mavericks.

Kidd-Gilchrist was 8 of 12 from the field and had a pair of key offensive rebounds off missed foul shots late in the game.

Kemba Walker added 26 points and seven assists for Charlotte and Ramon Sessions made some big shots down the stretch and in overtime, finishing with 12 points.

Dallas lost for the second straight night on the road after a 3-0 start.

O.J. Mayo scored 22 points and Vince Carter had 19 points for the Mavericks. Carter, who was 5 for 8 from 3-point range, missed an opportunity to win the game at the end of regulation when his fall-away jumper was short.

Pacers 89, Wizards 85

In Indianapolis, Paul George scored 20 points and Indiana stopped a three-game slide.

Roy Hibbert added seven points, 12 rebounds and two blocks for the Pacers (3-4). Gerald Green had 15 points and Lance Stephenson scored 12 in his first start of the season.

Washington carried a 72-70 lead into the fourth quarter, and Jordan Crawford promptly made a 3-pointer to extend the lead to five. But the Pacers then grabbed control with a 10-0 run.

Emeka Okafor and Bradley Beal had 17 points apiece for the Wizards (0-5), and A.J. Price finished with 12 points and 14 assists.

Bulls 87, Timberwolves 80

In Chicago, Nate Robinson scored 18 points and the Bulls ended the Timberwolves' three-game winning streak.

Chicago lost starting point guard Kirk Hinrich to a right hip strain in the second quarter, and Robinson helped pick up the slack by playing 31 minutes.

Joakim Noah added 17 points and seven rebounds and Luol Deng had 16 points and seven boards for the Bulls (4-2). Chicago beat Minnesota for the sixth straight time.

Nikola Pekovic led the shorthanded Timberwolves (4-2) with 18 points and eight rebounds. Andrei Kirilenko added 11 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists.

The Timberwolves had just 11 players available. Ricky Rubio (left knee surgery) and Kevin Love (fractured right hand) have been out all season. J.J. Barea missed his second straight game with a sprained left foot, while Brandon Roy missed his first game of the season with a sore knee.

Jazz 94, Suns 81

In Salt Lake City, Al Jefferson had 27 points and 14 rebounds, and Utah held on for the win.

Michael Beasley's follow dunk after a Jazz turnover cut Utah's lead to 79-74 with about 5 minutes remaining.

But Jefferson's steal and a 19-footer by Paul Millsap halted a nearly 6-minute scoreless streak for the Jazz and started a 7-0 run, capped by Marvin Williams' 3-pointer.

Millsap added 18 points and 13 rebounds for Utah.

Luis Scola led the Suns with 21 points and Jared Dudley scored 16.

The Suns were down 22 points with 2:45 remaining in the third, but opened the fourth with a 9-2 run to close to 79-70 on Sebastian Telfair's driving layup with 9:24 left.

76ers 93, Raptors 83

In Toronto, Thaddeus Young, Jrue Holiday and Nick Young scored 16 points apiece, helping the 76ers pick up another road win.

Spencer Hawes had 12 points and 11 rebounds, Dorell Wright added 15 points and Philadelphia won its third straight, with all three victories on the road. It's the first time the 76ers have done that since February 2003.

The Sixers, who won 106-100 at Boston on Friday night, knocked off another Atlantic Division opponent thanks to a huge second quarter that saw them turn a six-point deficit into a 19-point lead.

Andrea Bargnani led Toronto with 23 points, while DeMar DeRozan had 19. Jose Calderon had 14 points and 11 assists, but the Raptors lost their third straight.

Celtics 96, Bucks 92

In Milwaukee, Paul Pierce scored 25 points, Kevin Garnett added 18 and the Celtics rallied for the victory.

Boston (3-3) got even with the Bucks after Milwaukee knocked off the Celtics 99-88 in Boston on Nov. 2.

Monta Ellis led the Bucks with 32 points, while Samuel Dalembert added 14 points and eight rebounds.

Rajon Rondo had 10 points and 10 assists for the Celtics, giving him 30 straight games with 10 or more assists, the third-longest streak in NBA history. Magic Johnson has the longest streak at 46 games from April 1983 to February 1984.

Nuggets 107, Warriors 101, 2OT

In Oakland, California, Danilo Gallinari scored five of his 21 points in the final 36 seconds and Denver closed with an 11-0 run to beat Golden State in double overtime.

Andre Iguodala added a pair of late free throws and the Nuggets, who didn't arrive in the Bay Area until 3:30 a.m. following a late flight from Utah, held on for their fourth consecutive victory after opening the season 0-3.

Kenneth Faried added 18 points and 17 rebounds, while Iguodala had 19 points for Denver.

Klay Thompson led Golden State with 23 points, but the second-year guard missed a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left. Carl Landry added 22 points and nine rebounds off the bench, but the Warriors went scoreless over the final 2:47.

Spurs 112, Trail Blazers 109

In Portland, Oregon, Gary Neal had 27 points for the Spurs, and Manu Ginobili hit two big free throws in the final seconds.

The Blazers made four straight 3-pointers to tie it at 109 with 40.5 seconds left, but Portland stumbled from there and was saddled with its third consecutive loss. Nicolas Batum had a career-high 33 points.

Tim Duncan added 22 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs, who snapped a seven-game losing streak at the Rose Garden.

San Antonio played without Tony Parker because of a flu bug that has been making its way around the team. Patty Mills started in his place.

The Spurs trailed by as many as 14 points in the third quarter but opened the final period with a 14-0 run to go up 87-79.

Lakers speak to Phil Jackson about return

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Lakers spoke to 11-time NBA champion coach Phil Jackson on Saturday about returning for a third stint on their bench.

The Lakers confirmed on their website that Jackson discussed the job with owner Jim Buss and general manager Mitch Kupchak. They'll meet again early next week.

Los Angeles fired coach Mike Brown on Friday after a 1-4 start to a season of enormous expectations. Interim coach Bernie Bickerstaff led the Lakers to a blowout win over Golden State later that night, and the Lakers said Bickerstaff will coach the club in a home game against Sacramento on Sunday night.

Kobe Bryant and Dwight Howard have voiced their interest in playing for Jackson, and the legendary coach's return to the 16-time champion franchise seems probable as long as Jackson decides he's up to another stint in the prestigious job with a team that won five titles and reached seven NBA finals in his 11 seasons on its bench.

"Knowing him the way I do, I think it's really just a matter of health, if he feels physically up to doing it," Bryant said Friday night. "He's a perfectionist. We all know he's a perfectionist. If he feels like he can come in here and give what he demands from himself, then I think he would be interested."

After several chants of "We want Phil!" broke out in the Staples Center crowd on Friday night, the Lakers had the day off Saturday.

Jackson walked away from the Lakers in 2011, eager to improve his health by avoiding the constant grind of NBA travel. The former Knicks forward spent nine seasons on the Chicago Bulls' bench, winning six titles with Michael Jordan before moving to the Lakers in 1999.

Jackson left the Lakers in 2004 after the club lost to Detroit in the NBA finals, but he returned for a second stint after Rudy Tomjanovich and Frank Hamblen led Los Angeles to a 34-48 record in his one-year absence. After a rough start to his second stint, the Lakers reached three NBA finals and won two titles after acquiring Pau Gasol.

They fell short of Jackson's fourth three-peat when they lost to eventual champion Dallas in the second round of the 2011 playoffs. Jackson followed through on his promise to leave the club, which didn't acknowledge his departure with a news conference or any ceremony.

"The one thing that's kind of always bothered me is that his last year, I wasn't able to give him my normal self because I was playing on one leg," said Bryant, who had knee problems throughout the season. "That's always kind of eaten away at me, that the last year of his career, I wasn't able to give him everything I had."

If Jackson isn't looking forward to travel, he could return at a good time. Los Angeles began a six-game homestand Friday night, and will host San Antonio on Tuesday night.

Bryant vocally backed Brown's work over the past two seasons, including his decision to install a new offense that didn't click immediately with Howard or Steve Nash. After reacting to Brown's firing with shock, the fifth-leading scorer in NBA history said he would welcome a reunion with the coach who created a nearly impossible act to follow in both Chicago and Los Angeles.

Bryant has stayed in contact with Jackson during the coach's retirement, even getting a couple of Jackson's famed book recommendations.

"A lot of it is Phil's fault," Bryant said of the struggles of the coach's successors. "He teaches guys to be thinkers. He teaches us the little nuances, the details and the intricacies of the game that just a lot of people don't know. It's no fault of their own. When it comes to basketball, he's genius-level. It's tough for anybody to step in those shoes afterward from players that were raised underneath that tutelage."

Mike D'Antoni and Nate McMillan also are thought to be candidates for the job if Jackson declines. Kupchak said the Lakers are likely to hire a veteran coach who isn't currently employed.

Out of hospital, Beljan keeps lead at Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)—Charlie Beljan was in a hospital bed in the middle of the night, still wearing his golf shoes, thinking his season was over.

He was about six hours from his tee time Saturday at Disney. Just 12 hours earlier, he was having a panic attack on the golf course so severe that he could barely breathe, his blood pressure spiked and his arms felt numb. After signing his card, he was strapped into a stretcher, loaded into an ambulance and taken to a hospital.

"I thought I literally had a chance to die," Beljan said.

In a turnaround that even by Disney's standards seems like a fairy tale, the 28-year-old rookie now has a chance to win his first PGA Tour title.

Beljan was released from the hospital, overcame two early bogeys and was solid over the final hour in the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic for a 1-under 71 that gave him a two-shot lead going into the final round.

"I honestly didn't know if I was going to play one hole, any holes or was I going to get through the day," Beljan said. "I felt good, better as the day went on, and I just hung tough, hung in there. I knew what the rewards were at the end of the week if I could pull something off, and that's kind of what kept me going."

The rewards were ample.

This is the final PGA Tour event of the year, and Beljan is No. 139 on the money list. Only the top 125 get full cards for next year. Doctors told him he was in good enough health to be released, but perhaps not to play golf. He ignored their recommendations.

"The position I'm in, it's kind of hard not to show up," he said before teeing off.

Beljan had a pair of three-putt bogeys that cost him his three-shot lead after three holes, and felt some tightening in his chest as he approached the turn, the same symptoms that caused much fear Friday. But he steadied himself, began the back nine with back-to-back birdies, and kept in front.

He was at 13-under 203, two shots ahead of Brian Gay (67), Josh Teater (67) and Charlie Wi, who was tied for the lead until closing with two bogeys for a 70.

"It's nice to be able to walk around and smile," Beljan said. "Yesterday, I was hanging on for my life."

When last seen at Disney, Beljan was gasping to draw a big breath and sitting in the fairway to wait his turn to hit. Paramedics followed him around the back nine after taking his blood pressure on the 10th tee. After signing for a 64, Beljan emerged from the scoring room strapped into a stretcher and was loaded into an ambulance.

AP

Charlie Beljan hits his tee shot on the ninth hole during the third round of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals golf tournament in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012.

For most of the night, he felt 99 percent sure he wouldn't be playing. But with the comfort of knowing that he was physically fine, he went back to his hotel for a shower, breakfast and headed to the golf course. Despite being nervous that another episode could strike again, he was steady for so much of the day.

Now comes the hard work.

Beljan's wife, 7-week-old son and mother-in-law were flying in from Phoenix for the final round. He has long dreamed of how cool it would be to have his family come onto the green to celebrate his first PGA Tour win.

But there's a long way to go.

Beljan's three-shot lead was gone before he stepped onto the fourth tee in the third round. He will start Sunday with 11 players separated by three shots. That includes Sea Island winner Tommy Gainey and Camilo Villegas, winless in four years, along with Robert Garrigus, who won at Disney two years ago. The group at 205 included Vaughn Taylor, who like Beljan is making a last-ditch effort to keep his card.

Beljan was simply thrilled to be playing.

"I think the big advantage for me is I'm not thinking about the golf or the putts or the chips or the shots or the swings," said Beljan, who didn't even realize he was in the lead until about 10:30 p.m. Friday at the hospital. "I'm just thinking about my health, one shot at a time, one hole at a time. And shoot, the last 36 holes it's worked out pretty well."

Beljan showed off his power on the opening hole when he was behind a tree 183 yards from the hole. He hit a pitching wedge straight up and over the tree, with enough on it to reach the green. He three-putted from 50 feet, however, and then dropped another shot on the par-3 third with a three-putt from about 25 feet on the fringe.

His only other bogey came from a bunker on the 12th.

Several players made a run at him—Wi, Gainey among them—and Charles Howell III was right in the mix. Howell was one shot out of the lead until driving into the water on the 17th to make triple bogey, and then making bogey on the last hole to finish five shots behind.

Beljan said a variety of tests showed nothing was wrong with him.

"Physically, everything is wonderful," he said. "It's that little space between those ears that I've got to work on."

This all started about three months ago when he fainted on a flight home from the Reno-Tahoe Open as he was going to the bathroom. Since then, Beljan said he has had a half-dozen panic attacks, usually in controlled environments when he can settle himself down. This one came on a golf course, and it spiraled out of control on Friday.

When he showed up at the course, he felt nervous and a little embarrassed about Friday's afternoon's episodes. But he doesn't mind the travails if it means a chance to win a tournament, or even keep his job for next year. Even if he doesn't win, Beljan would need to finish around 10th to move into the top 125.

Besides, it would be a fitting way for a wild year to end.

After getting his card at Q-school last year, he had hand surgery before starting the season. He found out at the Sony Open that he was going to be a father. He was married in March. He played poorly all year except for one week at the Greenbrier. His baby was born at the end of the FedEx Cup season. He fainted on the plane. He at least secured a spot inside the top 150, only to realize that won't mean as much next year because of a shorter season.

"It's been a long, exciting, hectic, crazy, stressful year," he said. "But hopefully, we're going to end it with a bang."

Colts strong start makes playoffs real possibility

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The Indianapolis Colts are concerned about the hits rookie quarterback Andrew Luck has been taken, calling some of them cheap shots.

One day after the Colts won their second straight road game, 27-10 at Jacksonville, interim coach Bruce Arians described some of the hits that way and urged his quarterback to protect himself. Arians also asked for officials to keep a watchful eye on his star QB.

"I can't say they are purposefully (hitting Luck), but there sure are a lot of them happening," Arians said when asked to elaborate on the shots on Luck. "You put yourself in harm's way out there. He's done a good job of sliding and hopefully the referees will do a good job of protecting him when he does slide."

Luck has done just about everything Indianapolis asked this season. He's won six games, accounted for 13 touchdowns, reduced his rate of interceptions and is on pace for a record-breaking season. He'll need to do one more thing to keep the surprising Colts in the playoff hunt: stay healthy.

Luck has been able to slip tackles and slither his way through oncoming pass rushers all season. He's already run for 159 yards, ranking among the league's top rushing quarterbacks. His two scoring runs Thursday gave him five this season, breaking the franchise record set by Bert Jones and matched twice by Peyton Manning.

Add that to his passing totals—208 completions in 362 attempts for 2,631 yards with 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions—and it's easy to understand why Luck has the whole league debating whether Indianapolis can make an astounding run into the playoffs.

Losing Luck would change everything.

He spent much of Thursday night's game under duress and twice gained 15 yards after the Jags (1-8) were called for illegal hits.

One interception was erased in the second quarter when Jacksonville defensive end Andre Branch hit Luck helmet to helmet. The two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up took advantage of the second chance by leading the Colts to their first touchdown of the night—a 5-yard TD run on a bootleg that was intended to be a pass.

Luck scored again when he powered in from 1 yard on fourth-and-goal, a play on which he nearly lost control of the ball. Jags coach Mike Mularkey lost control of his temper, drawing a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

But the play that really bothered Arians came in the fourth quarter when Dawan Landry hit the sliding Luck high after a 9-yard run for a first down. It appeared Landry also hit Luck in the head, though the replay seemed to show Luck was hit in the right shoulder.

After a timeout, Luck and Landry shook hands.

"It was a little bootleg play with four guys flooding the zones. He kept the ball up, kept the ball up and as big and strong as he is, once he got the 1-yard line, he was going to score," Arians said when asked about the first TD run. "Same with the late one where he got cheap-shotted."

Colts players are off until Monday and were not available for comment.

Protecting gifted running quarterbacks has long been a concern in the NFL.

Eagles coach Andy Reid has suggested the last two years that officials allowed his quarterback, Michael Vick, to take more dangerous hits—hits that could have drawn penalties with less mobile quarterbacks.

The Colts, of course, would put Luck under armed guard on the football field if they could. Instead, all Arians really can do is urge Luck to slide more often and avoid putting himself in more danger by making tackles.

After throwing an interception late in the first half, when his arm was hit, the disgusted quarterback sprinted up the field and threw his shoulder into the lower body of Landry, who lateraled the ball to Chris Prosinski. Arians tapped Luck on the helmet when he got to the sideline.

Frontrunners still ahead in Bud Light Cup chase

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Saipan Electronic Dart Association leaders SOS Bar & Grill's Outlawz, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Try Luck, and Oceanside Bar & Grill's Triple Threat survived the opening rounds of their respective A Division, Ladies, and Tuesday B League matches in the 20th Bud Light Cup tournaments last week and all three teams are just two wins away from reemphasizing their first place standings.

The visiting Outlawz ran its runner-up rivals Mafia out of Oceanside, 9-5, last Monday and will be meeting up with invigorated fourth place team Juvy Predators, which opened up a can on Oceanside's third-ranked Bud Brothers and topped off a frothy, 9-7, home upset at Sands Bar.

Meanwhile, Bammy's Sabalu Boys strolled into SOS and downed the 101-Proofers, 9-4, to earn its berth into the Final 4 where they will be paired across SOS longshot Mixblood Shooters, which were granted a free ticket into the dance.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jonnys Try Luck pose for group photos during a break in their respective SEDA 20th Bud Light Cup tournaments matches last week.

Also this past Monday, three-time Ladies division champions, Try Luck, defeated runner-up Momes'l Me, 8-4, at Bammy's and is now setting its sights on Es'y Kitchen's third place B-52 Shooters as the former is in the process of imposing its third full sweep in the division.

In addition, B-52 Shooters bumped off Joe's-host Just Like Dat, 8-5, while Naked Fish's Man-Amigas and Oceanside's Shooters G-Side represent the competing outside bets on the semis bracket.

The Man-Amigas bested the Wonder Women, 8-5, at SOS and Shooters G-Side plucked the last place Daffodils, 8-0, at Joe's.

The two finalists which emerge will face off in the finals next Monday.

Triple Threat swiftly knocked off Na'Gupu II, 8-3, last Tuesday at Naked Fish and will face VFW's third-ranked Delubyo in the semis tomorrow night at Joe's.

Delubyo squeaked past SOS's Dartaholiks, 8-7, on the road.

The bottom half of the Final 4 is made up of The Waterfront's K-1 Scorpions, which skunked Wreckless Precision, 8-0, at Oceanside, and Oceanside's Good Guys, which advanced past Seabridge's 80-Proofers at SOS. The winners will vie for the Tuesday-B class title, scheduled for Nov. 20.

Bud Light Cup brackets pair up the strongest seeds against each other, as a way to even the playing field for the lower ranked teams. The format is designed to provide a more challenging route to the finals for the respective league leaders.

SCS

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Oleai Elementary School's Kina Rangamar (9:14), and Agape's Nikka Nate (10:26) and Ashley Decourtney (9:07).

The boys U8 had a new winner in SCS' Kevin Liang, who clocked in at 7:10 to beat teammates Kai Stone (7:32) and Taiyo Akimaru (7:51). Agape's Frederick Guintu won the Series 1 held at the Airport field late last month.

Ten other U8 runners joined the one-lap race from the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe to the rest room across the Oleai Sports Complex and back to the starting line via the sandy beach side. The list included SCS' Daniel Nam (7:56), Derrick Kwon (8:09), Daniel Kang (7:56), Ryan Lee (8:20), Shea Stone (10:11), and Jessie Sablan (12:46), home school's Bwilitomwar Rangamar (8:51), and Agape's Sila Yu (11:40), Frederick Dean (8:07), and Kevin Bao (11:44).

In the girls U10, Agape's Wong En Xi bested three SCS runners after posting 6:42. She defeated Desrei Camacho (6:57), Dika Ojima (6:58), and Paula Ham (7:24).

The boys U10 had a repeat winner in Series 1 top finisher Ken Song of SCS. Song submitted 6:05 to prevail over Agape's Peter Shen (8:09.) and Tychicus Xu (9:25) and teammates Miku Torres (8:50), Coloma Castro (12:11), Derrick Seo (9:00), Jason Sablan (11:40), and John Paul Sablan (11:16).

SCS' Nael Lim recorded the course best time at 5:42 to win the boys U12 age group, while Agape's Wu Su was the only female runner in the division and timed in at 6:59. Other finishers in the age group were SCS' Haruya Eda (6:18), Harry Lee (6:28), and Kento Akumaru (6:26), Hopwood Junior High School's O'Neil Magno (6:02), and Agape's Sean Delgado (8:04), David En (6:24), and Han Liang (7:16).

Meanwhile, results in the high school and junior high school divisions will be published in *Saipan Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

GCA

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win. The White Geckos managed to take the final set, 11-15, but the damage was already done.

GCA's win avenged its lone loss issued by its adversary earlier in the season and locked GCA atop the standings with SIS-White as the pair allocates a two-game lead over the field with identical win-loss records of 8-1.

Before its shortcoming, the White Geckos rode a nice wave, which including a solid sweep over the Kagman High School Ayuyus (1-8) last Tuesday, 25-16, 25-18, and 15-11.

Meanwhile, the MHS Blue Dolphins (6-3) split a pair of games last week, but remain in third place.

They made it past the Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays (2-7) last Tuesday by coming out on top in the first two sets, 26-24, and, 25-23. However, the Rays salvaged the last face off, 15-10.

MHS Blue then absorbed an upset to SIS' fourth place Green Geckos on Thursday. The latter team notched the win after the first two sets, 25-16, and, 25-22, though the Blue Dolphins grinded out a 16-15 triumph in the final set.

Notably, SIS-Green endured its second loss to the Mount Carmel School Knights (3-6) last Tuesday as the former mounted a nice comeback win.

MCS dropped the first set, 16-25, but roared back in the second set to even the series, 25-19, and marched on to victory in the deciding set, 15-12.

In other results, KHS defeated MHS Yellow last Thursday by seizing the first two sets, 25-23, and, 25-15, but fell short of a sweep, 14-15, in the third pairing.

Also on Thursday, the Manta Rays brought out the broom against the Knights, 21-25, 28-26, 15-11.

Starting this week, additional games will be held on Wednesdays, in addition to the original Tuesdays and Thursdays setup.

The season ends on Nov. 21 and will resume with MISO's double-elimination postseason tournament, slated for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the MHS Gym.

Tomorrow's pairings tip off at 4pm with SIS-White squaring off against MHS-Blue on the north court as MCS takes on MHS-Yellow on the south end, after which GCA meets SIS-Green on the north side, while KHS Ayuyus clash with SSHS Manta Rays on the south court.

FOURSOME

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of one night accommodation at Hyatt's deluxe room and dinner for two at Kili Café and Terrace. The team of Maui, Saures, Seman, and Kim earned the lowest gross among the Top 3 finishers with its 63, however the foursome had a minus 4.8 handicap, leaving the squad with a net 67.8 and a prize of a 60-minute Swedish massage at I Saguá Spa and lunch buffet for two at Miyako.

Besides the team event, Hyatt also had separate competitions in the men's and women's gross categories.

The mother-and-daughter pair of Noriko and Yuko Togawa went on to sweep the ladies division with the former winning first place with her gross 81, eight strokes ahead of the latter.

In the men's division, Seung Woo Kang saved an even par 72 for a three-shot win over Frank Rosario (75). Adam Hardwicke rounded out the Top 3 after firing a 4-over par 76.

In other contests, Jesse Seman won the nearest to the pin competition both on hole No. 3 and 13, while J.J. Atalig and Richard Hemley prevailed on hole No. 7 and 17, respectively.

In the longest iron on hole No. 5 Yuko Togawa topped the women's division, while Kang took the men's honors. For the longest drive contest on hole No. 10, Geon Ju Lee and Diane Zedde topped the men's and women's divisions, while winners in other categories included Ki Soo Kim (best aggressive drive on No. 12), Lydia Tan (most accurate drive on No. 9), and Zhen Hemley (closest approach on No. 11).

This year's Hyatt golf tournament drew 140 golfers and part of the proceeds will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation to help fulfill the wish of a child with terminal illness.

"On behalf of the management and staff of Hyatt Regency Saipan, we would like to thank all the companies and individuals who supported our tournament. Early this morning (Saturday), I was worried that we will have a low turnout, but at the end of the day, we listed 140 golfers, so I was very happy and thankful to those who showed up for the competition. Thank you for your continued support," Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa said during his welcome remarks at the awards ceremony Saturday night.

ROLLERS

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Hi-5's Carl Aldan and Jethro Cruz combined for 15 points in the first two frames, but the group had a lot of ground to make up, particularly on the defensive end, if it were to mount a legitimate comeback.

Rollers 1's Malonzo and Feria returned after the break and each delivered three more baskets for a promising 49-35 margin heading into the final period; and to little surprise, the league-leaders had no trouble sealing the deal.

Rollers 1's Feria (21) and Morales (18) hooked up for 39 points, while Jethro Cruz and Ethan Wong co-led Hi-5 with 9 apiece.

Then in a barnburner, Proa started slow and fell behind, 9-15, in the opening period as Rollers 2 did a good job spreading the ball around and received output from a handful of players.

The latter went cold in the second quarter, however, and were held scoreless until the last 30 seconds of the period, which allowed Proa to nose ahead, 21-20, at halftime.

William Camacho and Eldiberto Javier III led the charge with 4 points apiece.

Rollers 2 regrouped after intermission and reclaimed the lead, 36-31, in the third quarter thanks to 7 points from Mike Espinosa and a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Jun Fidelino.

Espinosa added 5 more points at crunch time as he and the rest of the group were in good position to seize the victory in regulation, but Proa benefited from a pair of missed free throws that were immediately followed up by an ill-advised foul in the final moments of regulation.

Rollers 2 held a slim, 45-44, favor with 8 seconds left in the game when the breakdown occurred and Proa took full advantage on the other end as Ethan Manalili went to the line and got one of his shots to drop, which tied the game and sent the match into overtime. Rollers 2 was under penalty at the time of the pivotal foul.

Though the game remained close until the last minute and a half of the bonus period, Proa rode the momentum and grinded out a 54-53 favor as time winded down and an open jump shot from Tyler Palacios in the final minute put the writing on the wall.

Shortly after Palacios' splash, his teammate Karlo De Leon sank an insurance check from the stripe.

De Leon led the team in overtime with 4 points, while teammate Camacho paced a sundry group of other donors with 12 points in the game. Rollers 2 received the bulk of its output from center Espinosa, who scored 22 in the loss.

First Game

Rollers 1 67 – Feria 21, Morales 18, Malonzo 11, Factor 8, Ano 5, Rios 2, Iglesias 2.

Hi-5 46 – Cruz 9, Wong 9, Francisco 7, Aldan 5, Borromeo 5, Arciaga 4, Ocaya 2, Hernandez 2, Cristobal 2, Diyco 1.

Scoring by quarters: 22-9, 35-23, 49-32, 67-46.

Second Game

Matson Consulting/NMC Proa 57 – Camacho 12, Javier 9, Manalili 9, Mendoza 9, De Leon 8, Palacios 5, Pamintuan 4, Duenas 1.

Rollers 2 53 – Espinosa 22, Fidelino 11, Darag 10, Alcor 6, Ellama 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-15, 21-20, 31-36, 45-45, 57-53 (OT).

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	1
Brooklyn	2	2	.500	2
Boston	3	3	.500	2
Toronto	1	5	.167	4

Southeast Division

Miami	5	1	.833	—
Atlanta	2	2	.500	2
Charlotte	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Orlando	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Washington	0	5	.000	4 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	4	2	.667	—
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1/2
Indiana	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Cleveland	2	4	.333	2
Detroit	0	7	.000	4 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	6	1	.857	—
Memphis	4	1	.800	1
New Orleans	3	2	.600	2
Dallas	4	3	.571	2
Houston	3	3	.500	2 1/2

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	4	2	.667	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	—
Denver	4	3	.571	1/2
Utah	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Portland	2	4	.333	2

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	—
Golden State	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Phoenix	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Sacramento	2	4	.333	2
L.A. Lakers	2	4	.333	2

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS CLASSIC SCORES

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP)— Scores Saturday from the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, a US PGA Tour event at two par-72 courses; 7,516-yard m-Magnolia Golf Course, and 7,011-yard p-Palm Golf Course:

THIRD ROUND

Charlie Beljan	68m-64p-71m	–203
Brian Gay	69p-69m-67m	–205
Josh Teater	71p-67m-67m	–205
Charlie Wi	64p-71m-70m	–205
Vaughn Taylor	70m-68p-68m	–206
Robert Garrigus	68p-68m-70m	–206
Camilo Villegas	65p-71m-70m	–206
Matt Every	67p-69m-70m	–206
Tommy Gainey	65p-71m-70m	–206
Daniel Chopra	69m-67p-70m	–206
Henrik Stenson	68m-67p-71m	–206
Ryan Palmer	70m-70p-67m	–207
Cameron Beckman	70m-68p-69m	–207
Brendon de Jonge	69m-68p-70m	–207
Scott Stallings	66p-70m-71m	–207
Scott Dunlap	72m-68p-68m	–208
Tim Herron	71m-70p-67m	–208
Sean O'Hair	73m-68p-67m	–208
Tom Gillis	72m-66p-70m	–208
Kevin Chappell	67p-69m-72m	–208
Kevin Streelman	68m-68p-72m	–208
Matt Jones	71m-64p-73m	–208
Charles Howell III	68m-67p-73m	–208
Ryuji Imada	69p-66m-73m	–208
Harris English	68p-67m-73m	–208
Jonas Blixt	70p-71m-68m	–209
D.J. Trahan	74m-67p-68m	–209
Colt Knost	67p-71m-71m	–209
Roland Thatcher	69p-73m-67m	–209
Boo Weekley	70m-67p-72m	–209
Mark Anderson	68p-67m-74m	–209
Will Claxton	72m-67p-71m	–210
Ken Duke	67p-74m-69m	–210
Russell Knox	66p-72m-72m	–210
Derek Lamely	73m-68p-69m	–210
Jeff Maggert	72p-70m-68m	–210
Daniel Summerhays	71m-71p-68m	–210
Miguel Angel Carballo	71m-65p-74m	–210
Jerry Kelly	71m-68p-72m	–211
Joey Snyder III	69m-70p-72m	–211
Davis Love III	73p-68m-70m	–211
Brian Harman	66p-72m-73m	–211
Stuart Appleby	74m-68p-69m	–211
William McGirt	71m-71p-69m	–211
Roberto Castro	69p-71m-72m	–212
Matt Bettencourt	67p-74m-71m	–212
J.J. Killeen	71p-70m-71m	–212
Martin Flores	72p-69m-71m	–212
Billy Horschel	71p-70m-71m	–212
Gavin Coles	71m-71p-70m	–212
Garrett Willis	73m-69p-70m	–212
Ted Potter, Jr.	75m-68p-69m	–212
Alex Cejka	72p-71m-69m	–212
Robert Karlsson	71m-70p-72m	–213
Jason Kokrak	71m-68p-74m	–213
Justin Leonard	73m-67p-73m	–213
Stewart Cink	69p-69m-75m	–213
Chris Stroud	70m-66p-77m	–213
Jason Bohn	73m-70p-70m	–213
Kyle Reifers	69m-74p-70m	–213
Marco Dawson	68p-72m-74m	–214
Ben Curtis	69m-70p-75m	–214
Patrick Sheehan	69p-73m-72m	–214
Brendan Steele	67p-75m-72m	–214
Cameron Tringale	75m-67p-72m	–214
Nathan Green	71p-72m-71m	–214
Chris DiMarco	72p-71m-71m	–214
John Rollins	70m-70p-75m	–215
Shane Bertsch	69p-71m-75m	–215
Carl Paulson	71m-70p-74m	–215
Gary Woodland	73p-68m-74m	–215
Tom Pernice Jr.	74p-68m-73m	–215
Nick O'Hern	69m-73p-73m	–215
Mathew Goggin	69p-74m-72m	–215
Chris Kirk	73p-70m-72m	–215
Edward Loar	69m-74p-72m	–215
Alexandre Rocha	71p-70m-75m	–216
Chez Reavie	68m-74p-74m	–216

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Weekend Sports

Busy as usual

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Tournaments were spread the whole week, leaving CNMI athletes busy as usual.

The week started early morning with the 3rd Annual Ride 'Round the Ridge—a bike race from and to the Saipan Radar Station in As Matuis and drew more than 30 riders. Erico Castro, Gloribel Tan, Charlie Sendin, and Wynn Brillo were the top finishers in their respective divisions.

Then in the afternoon at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, football clubs took center stage, playing in Week 7 of the M-League. MP United played in the lone Division 2 match last week and topped Matansa in the battle of undefeated teams to remain the only squad unscathed in the entire league. Also recording victories in Division 1 were Tan Holdings FC and Inter Godfather's, which downed Wild Bill's and Paire FC, respectively.

In the evening, action shifted at the TSL Complex in Gualo Rai with the opening of the 2012 Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.

Five teams are competing in the annual event, including defending champion Saipan Badminton Clubs. Completing the list are Shirley's Badminton Club, TAGA, Golden Racquets, and the Berks Blazers.

The TSL Sports Complex is also the venue of the 2012 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League, which continued with its games in Division A and B.

Tan Holdings recorded the biggest win in Division B after pulling off an upset over the then undefeated Matansa FC. Other Division B winners were IFC-2 and Shirley's FC, while Paire and Shirley triumphed in Division A games.

Still in NMIFA-sanctioned competitions, Shirley's snapped Matansa's winning run in the girls U15 division of the youth fall league. Paire won the other game in the girls U15, topping Tan Holdings.

In the boys U15, Matansa and Tan Holdings downed Shirley's FC and Paire, respectively, while in the boys U18, Paire edged Tan Holdings and MP United-2 shut out Matansa.

In basketball, the U16 division of the Rotary caging started its playoff round with two teams surviving the first round to join the Rollers 1 and Matson Consulting/Proa in the semis.

Hi-Five took the fourth and last semis berth after eliminating CNMI Junior Girls National Team, 61-56, while the Rollers got a free pass to the next round after a no-show from qualifier D-South. Proa and the Rollers 1 gained the early semis seat after placing in the Top 2 in the regular season.

In the U20 division, teams still played the regular season games last week with the defending champions Sonics sweeping the elimination round.

Still in basketball, the Kanoa 3-on-3 co-ed caging kicked off at the TSL Sports Complex with Tappers, Cool Kids, and Ball So Hard winning their opening matches.

Meanwhile, one team and one MMA bet left Saipan last week, aiming to bring honor to the CNMI when they compete off-island.

Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez left the island to join Team Lloyd Irvin MMA Academy in Camp Springs, Maryland and participate in MMA events in the mainland in the future, while the Commonwealth Football League's Sharks went to the Philippine to face Manila's Philippine Punishers in an exhibition game.

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Kanoa FC and MP United players collide as they battle for possession at the sideline during their game in Division 2 of the M-League last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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A Matansa FC player, left, tries to protect the ball against a Shirley's FC defender during their game in the boys U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Rollers 1's Herbert Maranan pulls up for a jumper against Ol'Aces during their U20 game in the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Bikers head down to the course during last week's 3rd Annual Ride 'Round the Ridge.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez, seen here in fighting stance, left Saipan last week to join Team Lloyd Irvin MMA Academy in Camp Springs, Maryland.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Hi-5's Carl Aldan slashes through the lane during their game against the CNMI Girls Junior National Team in the U16 division of the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Rollers 1, Proa arrange finals tiff

Proa's Eldiberto Javier III makes a strong move to the basket against Rollers 2 during their Rotary U16 semifinal match last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Top seed Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 1 and No. 2 Matson Consulting/Northern Marianas College Proa advanced to the Rotary Club of Saipan's 21st Annual Youth Basketball League U16 age division championship after the conclusion of last Saturday's semifinals at the Gilbert C Ada Gymnasium.

Rollers 1 breezed past Hi-5, 67-46, in the first pairing, while in the second game Proa received a second lease on life at the bell before overcoming RBC's Rollers 2 in overtime, 57-53.

The championship game is set for Saturday morning at 10:30am at the Ada Gym preceded by a 9am consolation match between Hi-5 and Rollers 2.

Rollers 1 ate its Wheaties on Saturday morning and trotted out to a healthy 22-9 lead in the first quarter.

Emerson Feria and C.J. Morales led the early surge with 8 points apiece and then handed the baton to Irvyn Malonzo who dashed for 9 markers in the second quarter that helped maintain control at the half, 35-23.

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SCS stands out in cross-country series 2

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A race volunteer, left, signals to a Saipan Community School runner during the U8 race in the 2012 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 2 last Saturday in Susupe.

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Saipan Community School continued to field strong runners in the 2012 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series, as the second leg of the three-part competition took place last Saturday in Susupe.

The Tsunamis nearly swept the weekend races, as they topped five of the six events in the elementary division.

In the girls U8 age group, Series 1 winner Sedrei Camacho reigned supreme anew with a field-best time of 7:27. Camacho's teammate Michelle Ryu and Agape Christian School's Elvira Xiang rounded out the Top 3 after timing in at 8:30 and 8:40, respectively.

Other finishers in the girls U8 were SCS' Hana Ojima (8:55), Marianas Tenorio (9:12), and Choie Seo (9:19),

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GCA Eagles derail SIS White Geckos, earn share of lead

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The Grace Christian Academy Eagles served the Saipan International School White Geckos its first loss of the season this past Thursday, which in turn earned the former a share of the lead atop the standings with its rival as the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's 2012-2013 Boys Volleyball season continued last week at the the Marinas High School Gymnasium

Notably, the Eagles actually bagged two wins last week, soaring past the MHS Yellow Dolphins (3-3) in all three sets last Tuesday, 25-7, 25-22, and, 15-11, before grinding out the highlight stunner.

In Thursday's match, the Eagles swooped in and took the opening set, 25-21, and then proved it was no fluke in the second set with an impressive, 30-28, to secure the

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Kagman High School's David Foster taps a nifty return in this file photo from last Wednesday's MISO boys volleyball matchup against Saipan International School's top-ranked White Geckos held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Foursome rules Hyatt golf tourney

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From left, team event winners Jerry and Diane Zedde and Hae Jun Park pose with Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa, right, during the awards presentation for the 17th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Tournament last Saturday night. Also on the winning team, but not in the photo was Jim Weber.

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The quartet of Jerry and Diane Zedde, Hae Jun Park, and Jim Weber took the top honors in the 17th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Tournament held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The foursome carded a net 64.2 to beat more than 30 teams in the double peoria competition. The eventual champions submitted a gross 69 and had a 4.8 handicap to edge the pair of Don Dunlop and Rob Wright and the quartet of Will Maui, Joe Saures, Jesse Seman, and Ki Soo Kim and win a one-night accommodation at a Hyatt Regency Club room and Sunday brunch for two at Giovanni's.

Dunlop and Wright also logged a gross 69, but with their 2.4 handicap, they ended up with a net 66.6 to settle for the runner-up honors and the prize

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